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15 years have passed since the breathtakingly devastating Great Japanese Earthquakes. The fractured people of Japan, still unable to return to their homeland, live in refugee camps around the world with limited rights. Tansui Camp in Taiwan is no different. Anti-Japanese sentiment causes an innocent mother and child to be murdered, spurring a hardline group of ex-refugees to take up weapons. Genchiro Ryu, an amnesiac survivor of the disasters now living alone as a Taiwanese, learns of a mastermind behind the current armed uprising and anti-Japanese fervor, and stands up to make a difference. Genchiro's desperate wish to stop the bloodshed blows the flame of life into the miserable refugee camp!

Refugee Camps, Terrorists, Human Shields

An 80,000 Man March

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The Story Thus Far

15 years after natural disasters split Japan in two, the country is now ruled jointly by China and America. Scattered Japanese refugees around the world are unable to return home, even those in the camps of Taiwan. Anti-Japanese sentiment causes an innocent mother and child to be murdered, spurring a hardline group of former camp residents to take up weapons and form a terrorist circle and setting the stage for an ethnic conflict. Genichiro Ryu, discovering that these events have been masterminded by someone seeking to have all Japanese refugees banished from Taiwan, visits the refugees in an attempt to stop the terrorists and prevent any bloodshed. His fervor stirs up a storm that will greatly change the present situation. Genichiro Ryu, a powerless man on the side of justice. His long battle has just begun!

A Spirit of the Sun Characters

[Genichira Ryu]

Heir of the Japanese political family the Ryus. Survived his parents in the 2002 natural disasters that struck Japan. Despite being rescued by Sakamaki, went missing when crossing the strait created by the splitting of the Japanese Islands. Later lived in Taiwan under Taiwanese parents for 15 years, lacking any memory of his childhood. Even after his memory returned, he swore he would not return to Japan, but when learning of the plight of Japanese still unable to return to their homeland, he made the decision to face his home once again. Taiwanese name: Xian

[Zhang]

Raised in a Taipei orphanage since a young age. Worked for the Taiwanese mafia Liu Hai Bang with his strength, but upon discovering the gang's manipulation of his "brother" and friend Jing Ming into killing an innocent Japanese mother and child, swears revenge against his employers

[Ryatara Hata]

Detective for the Taipei Police. Moved to Taiwan with his parents after the disasters, abandoned his Japanese citizenship and became an ex-patriate, Yu Liaoming. Chasing after the mind behind the murder of a Japanese mother and child and rising pressure against Japanese refugees

[Ikuo Jimichi]

A personal secretary and servant of the Ryu family for multiple generations. Following Genichiro's traces on the orders of Takuma Ryu. After 15 years of visiting refugee camps in South and North Japan and elsewhere around the world, he has finally been reunited with Genichiro in Taiwan

[Takuma Ryu]

Japan's highest conservative Chief Secretary of the LDP. Genichiro's grandfather. Called together an Interior Emergency Response Committee with the prime minister after the disasters and, determining that Japan could not repair its infrastructure on its own, agreed to request humanitarian aid from America and China

[Takashi and Natsue Ryu]

Genichiros parents..and LDP representatives. The disasters struck while they were out shopping, with their son left at home While returning home to save Genichiro, their car was caught in a landslide and they were killed.

[Goro Sakamaki]

Met and traveled with Genchiro in 2002 while carrying emergency supplies to the devastated masses of Tokyo Lost his home, wife and daughter when the Nankai earthquake hit Kobe

[Liu Hai Bang]

The biggest crime syndicate in Taiwan. haaded by Huang and containing hired arms such as Yang the Assassin and Zhang. They took the Anti Japanese Group's money and created the sparks that would lead to political pressure against the Japanese refugees. Zhang's spiritual younger brother Jing Mung killed a Japanese mother and child

[Anti-Japanese Group]

A shadow group comprised of politicians officials.. milltary officers and businessmen They put pressure on the Japanese refugees that threaten their interests, applying political heat to the pro Japanese president Hata's father is a member.

[Ozu]

Representative of the 80,000 Japanese refugees in the Taiwanese camp Upon learning that the support payments from America and the United Nations could be ended next year, strongly negotiates for Japanese refugees to be naturalized into Taiwanese society.

[Kurofuji]

Unlike the camp leader Ozu, who seeks harmony with Taiwanese society this leader of a Japanese hardline people s movement seeks to reunite and repopulate his homeland through force alone Planning an armed uprising in three different spots in Taiwan.

[Shu Qin]

Ran a Chinese restaurant with her husband until the natural disasters of 2002 While escaping the aftermath.. they came across an amnesiac Genichiro and raised him as their own child Her husband has since died

[Cai Qing-ling]

First female president of Taiwan
A brilliant and wise woman
Pro Japanese

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I SAW NAGOYA
I SAW HAKONE
JUST HOW POWERLESS I WAS.
THE SPLIT IN LAKE BIWA.
AND I LEARNED
WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER ANY MORE THAN THEY ALREADY HAVE...
LET ME HELP YOU, SO THE PEOPLE WHO SURVIVED

TO WHERE THE ARMED REBELS ARE!!
THIS IS WHY I ASK YOU NOW! TAKE JING MING AND I
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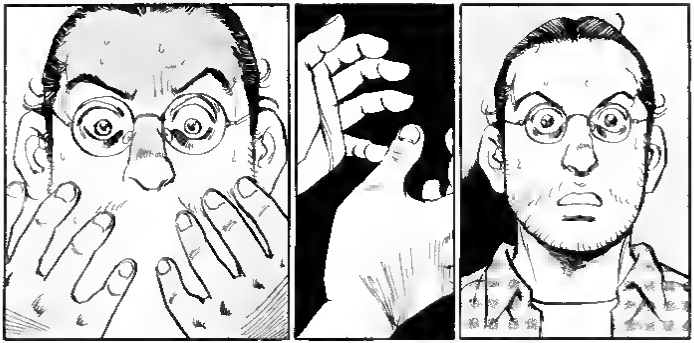
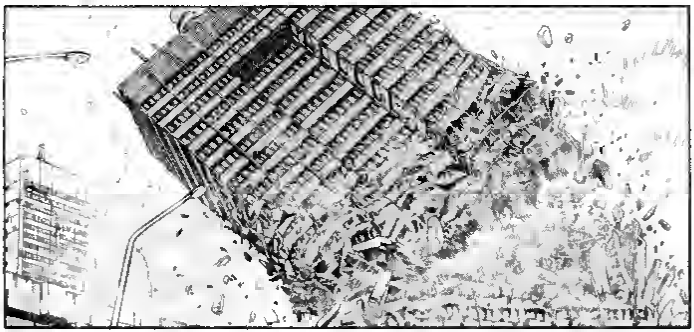
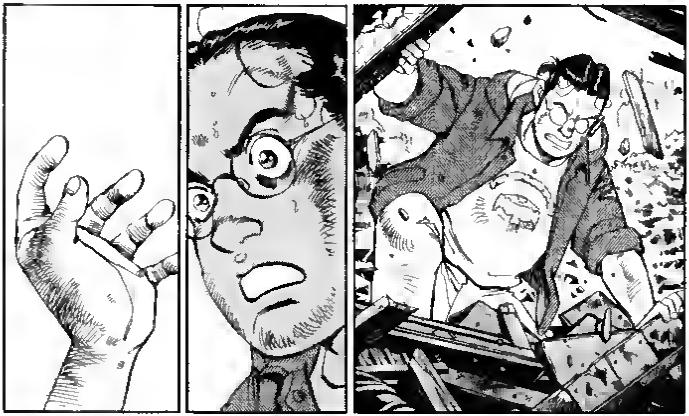
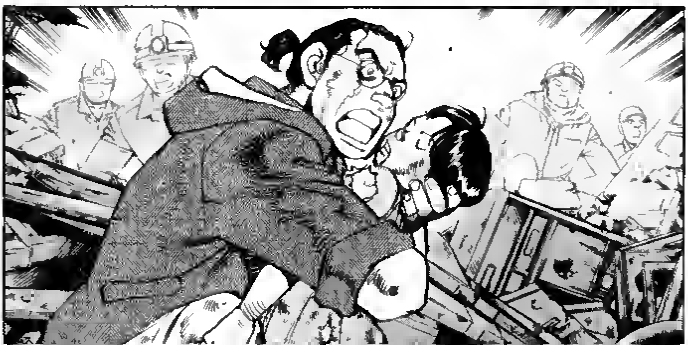
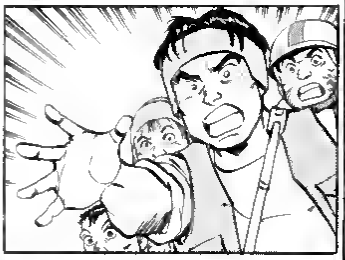
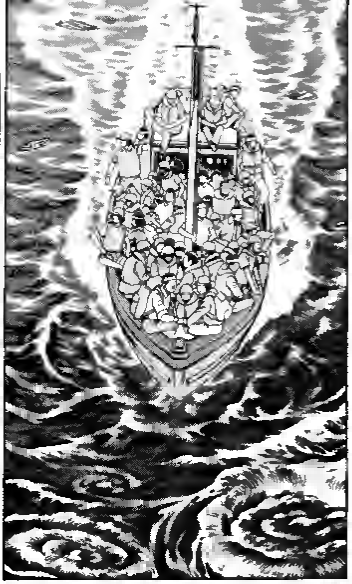


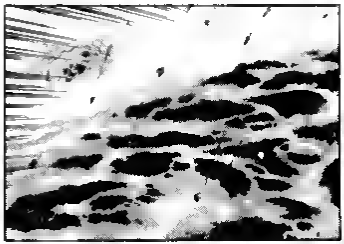










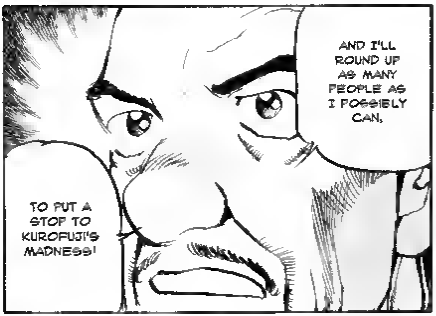


YANKEES

AS THIS YOUNG MAN HAS SAID...
POWERLESS ...
WE WERE HELPLESS.

YES SIR, IT IS!
OH
SHIMADA, IS OUR MAIN POWER BACK ON YET?

I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO EVERYONE IN THE CAMP!!
GOOD... I'M GOING BACK TO HEADQUARTERS TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY BROADCAST!!
WHAT?!


AND I'LL ROUND UP AS MANY PEOPLE AS I POSSIBLY CAN,
TO PUT A STOP TO KUROFUJI'S MADNESS!

I ONLY NEED 100 NO, EVEN 50 MEN

BUT MR OZU, THAT'S TOO—!
I KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS
BUT IF KUROFUJI FIRES ONE BULLET, THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE FOR THE 80,000 IN TANSUI CAMP!

I WANT TO STAND BEFORE THEM, AND SAVE THEM IF I CAN

I WILL NOT BE HELD POWERLESS BEFORE THE ACTS OF MAN!
THIS IS NO ACT OF GOD.

WE NEVER WANT TO SEE

ANOTHER HUMAN BEING DIE AGAIN!

WE'LL DO EVERY-THING WE NEED
TO MAKE THEM UNDER-STAND!!

I'LL BEAT 'EM AWAKE, IF I HAVE TO!

ALL RIGHT, MR. OZU
I'LL GO BACK TO MY BLOCK AND EXPLAIN TO EVERYONE!

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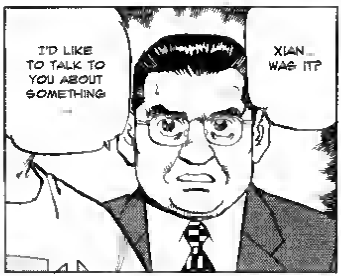
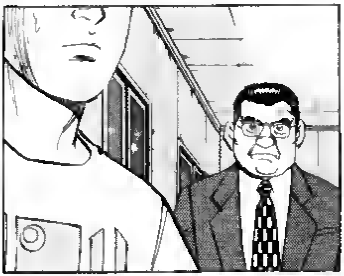
TAINLY!

DETECTIVE CAN YOU STAY HERE AND WATCH THE CULPRIT?
JUST WAIT UNTIL I CAN EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO THE OTHERS


I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING
XIAN... WAS IT?



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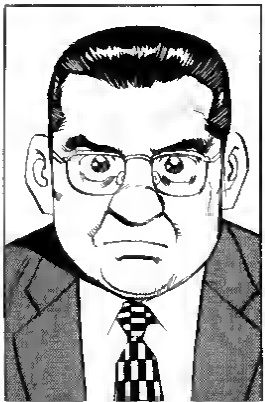


AS YOU WISH.

MY FRIENDS...
WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LIVE HERE,

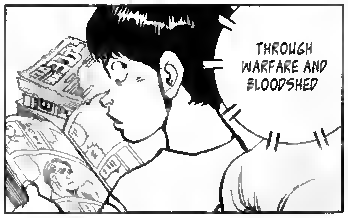
I AM COMPLETELY AWARE THAT YOUR MENTAL STRESS IS NEARING THE BREAKING POINT.
IN THIS REFUGEE CAMP TANSUI, FOR 15 YEARS

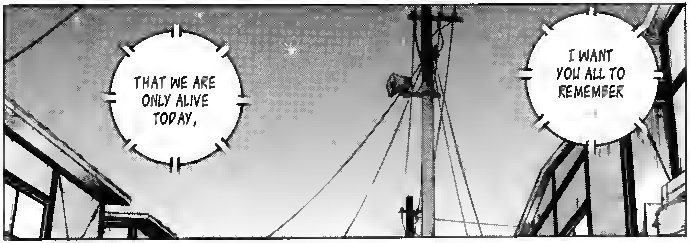
AND SOUGHT A WAY TO LIVE IN TAIWANESE SOCIETY AT LARGE

SOME OF US WHO COULDN'T HANDLE IT LEFT THE CAMP,

THEY ARE TRYING TO WIN THEIR FREEDOM

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT TONIGHT, A SMALL CONTINGENT OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS IN VIOLENCE


THROUGH WARFARE AND BLOODSHED


THAT WE ARE ONLY ALIVE TODAY,
I WANT YOU ALL TO REMEMBER

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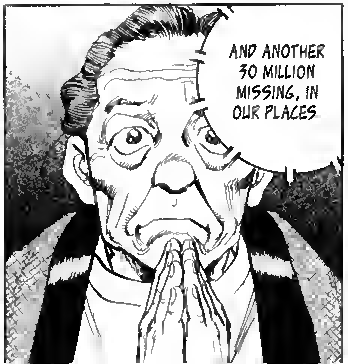
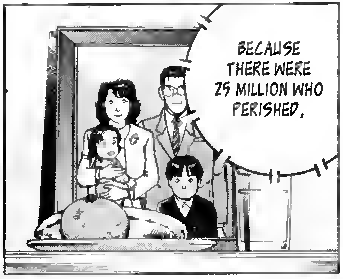
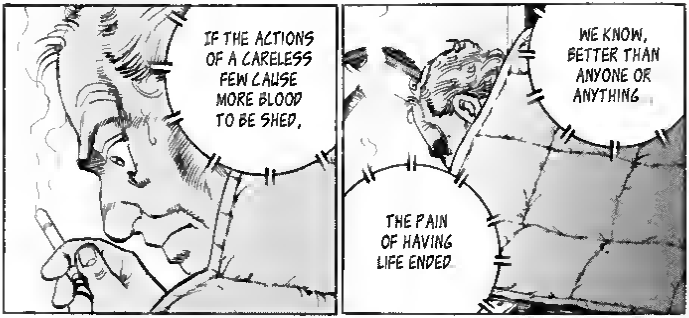
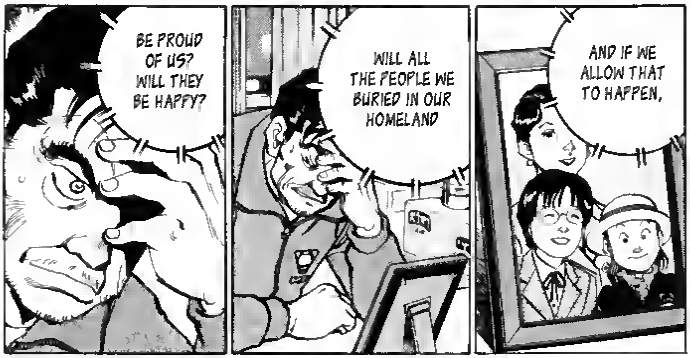
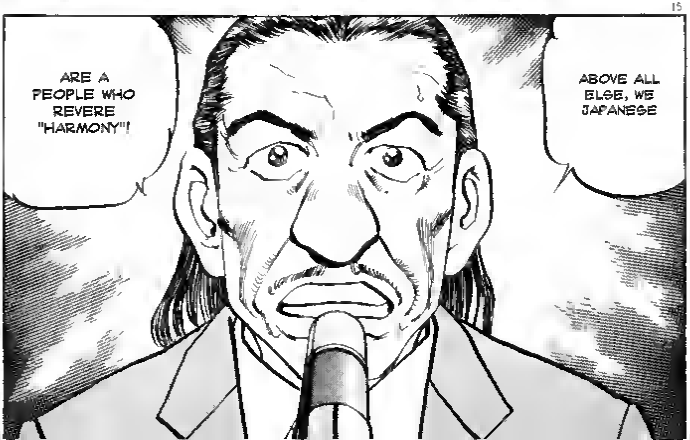

AND ANOTHER 30 MILLION MISSING, IN OUR PLACES

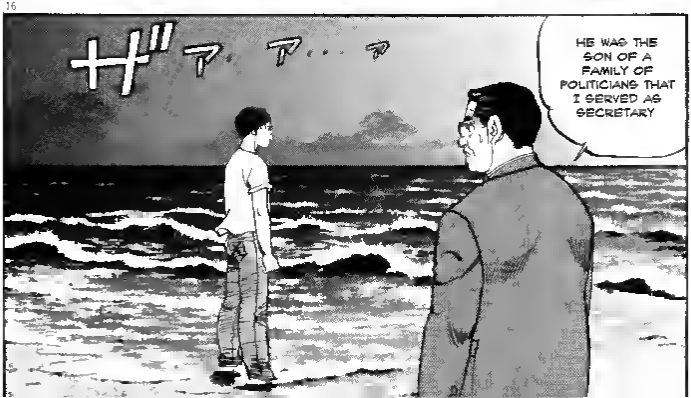

BECAUSE THERE WERE 25 MILLION WHO PERISHED,


IF THE ACTIONS OF A CARELESS FEW CAUSE MORE BLOOD TO BE SHED,
WE KNOW, BETTER THAN ANYONE OR ANYTHING
THE PAIN OF HAVING LIFE ENDED


BE PROUD OF US? WILL THEY BE HAPPY?
WILL ALL THE PEOPLE WE BURIED IN OUR HOMELAND
AND IF WE ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN,


ARE A PEOPLE WHO REVERE "HARMONY"!
ABOVE ALL ELSE, WE JAPANESE

I HAVE SPENT THE LAST 15 YEARS OF MY LIFE
SEARCHING FOR ONE BOY.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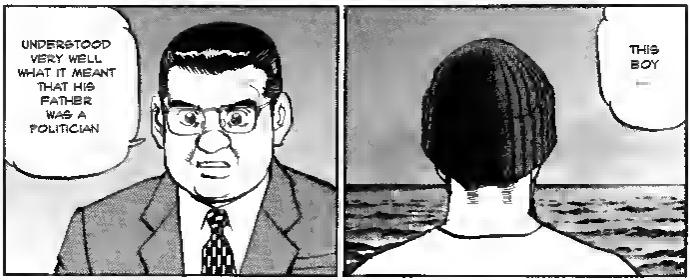
HE WAS THE SON OF A FAMILY OF POLITICIANS THAT I SERVED AS SECRETARY

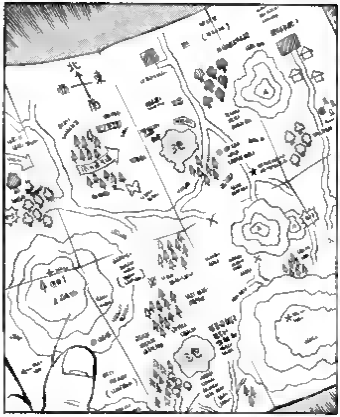

UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL WHAT IT MEANT THAT HIS FATHER WAS A POLITICIAN
THIS BOY

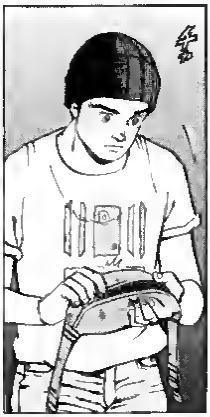
BUT SIMPLY PLAYED OUTSIDE BY HIMSELF
KNOWING THAT A POLITICIAN'S DUTY AS A SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE LEAVES THEM WITH LITTLE TIME FOR FAMILY, HE NEVER COMPLAINED ONCE,

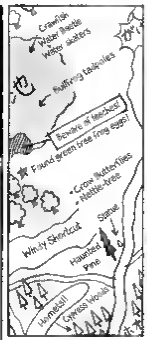
THIS POUCH THAT HE LEFT BEHIND WHEN HE WENT MISSING
HELPED ME MEET A MAN HALF A YEAR AFTER IT HAPPENED

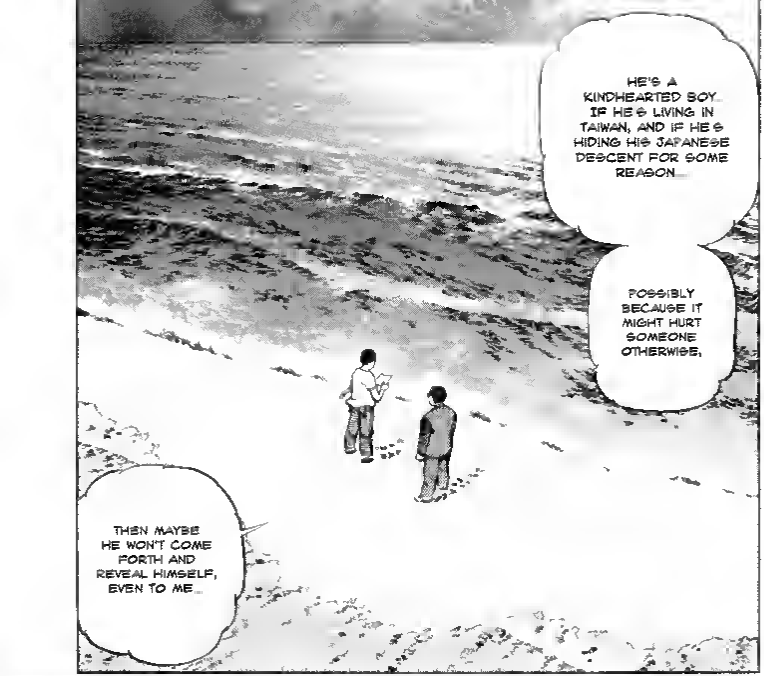
A MAN NAMED SAKAMAKI, IN KOBE

MR. SAKAMAKI TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD NEVER FORGET THE TIME HE SPENT WITH THAT BOY.






Crawfish
Water beetle
Water skaters
Buffering Mosquitoes
Beetle at Mechoki
Found green tree frog eggs!
Grow Butterflies
Nettle tree
Stone
Wooly Sandbox
Haunted Pine
Homeless!!
Cypress House


HE'S A KINDHEARTED BOY... IF HE'S LIVING IN TAIWAN, AND IF HE'S HIDING HIS JAPANESE DESCENT FOR SOME REASON...
POSSIBLY BECAUSE IT MIGHT HURT SOMEONE OTHERWISE.
THEN MAYBE HE WON'T COME FORTH AND REVEAL HIMSELF, EVEN TO ME...

THAT HIS GRANDFATHER TAKUMA IS ALIVE AND WELL, AT AGE 86!
HE BELIEVES THE DAY WILL COME WHEN HE CAN SEE HIS LONG-LOST GRANDSON.

BUT... THERE ARE STILL THINGS I MUST TELL HIM!

HAVE PASSED AWAY...
I REGRET TO TELL HIM THAT HIS FATHER AND MOTHER...
HOW-EVER
THEY MET WITH AN ACCIDENT DURING THE DISASTERS, AS THEY DROVE HOME TO MAKE SURE THEIR SON WAS SAFE...
THEY WENT BACK HOME RISKING ALL THE DANGER INHERENT IN THAT CHOICE OF ACTION, TO SEE THEIR PRECIOUS ONLY SON!
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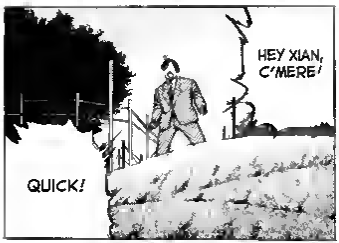
GENICHI-RO!!
I AM SO RELIEVED TO SEE YOU ALIVE AND WELL!!

THANK YOU, MR. JIMICHI ...
BUT, RIGHT NOW...


HEY XIAN, C'MERE!
QUICK!

THE CAMP COMES FIRST
I UNDER-STAND!

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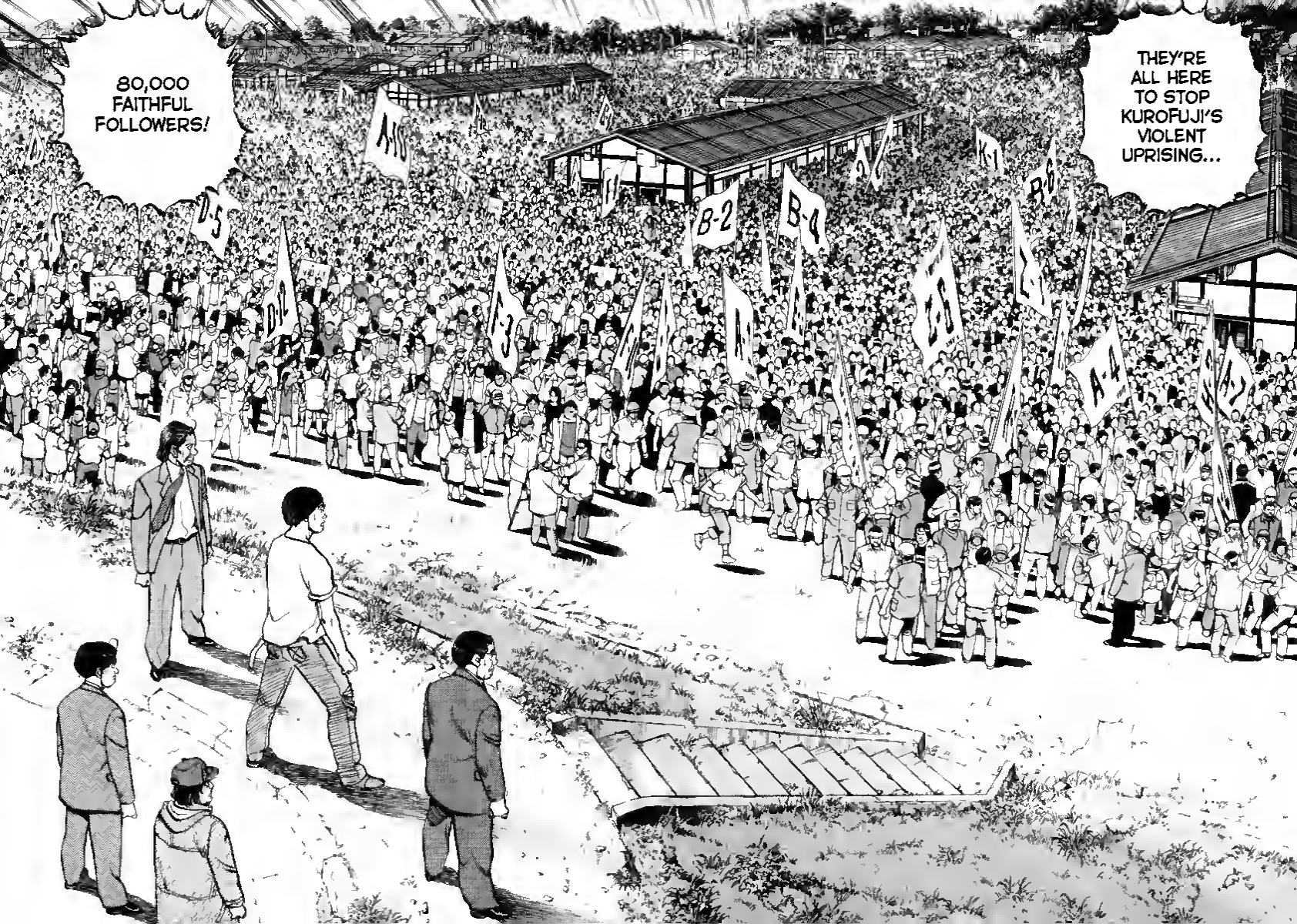
WHAT IS IT?!

!

JUST TAKE A LOOK
THIS WAY
!
HUFF, HUFF
WHAT HAPPENED, AGENT ZHOU?!

OH MY ...!


80,000 FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS!
THEY'RE ALL HERE TO STOP KUROFUJI'S VIOLENT UPRISING...

THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN STOP THEM
ARE THEIR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN!

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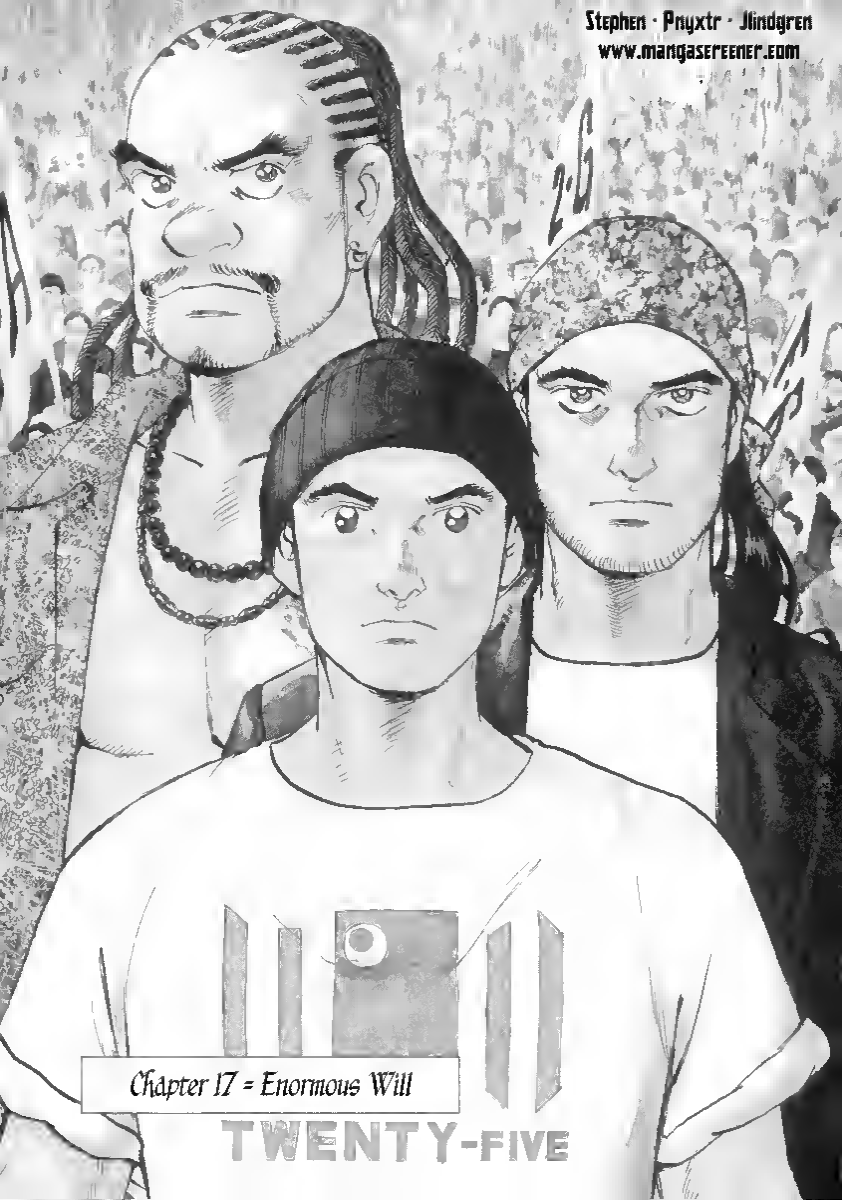

Chapter 17 = Enormous Will

TWENTY-FIVE

BUT FOR 15 YEARS
15 LONG YEARS, JAPAN HAS IGNORED US
THE RECONSTRUCTION MINISTRY THAT GOVERNS THE SOUTH AREA. THE SAPPORO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTH AREA.
WE HAVE PETITIONED THEM TO LET US RETURN, TIME AND TIME AGAIN
JUST AS IF
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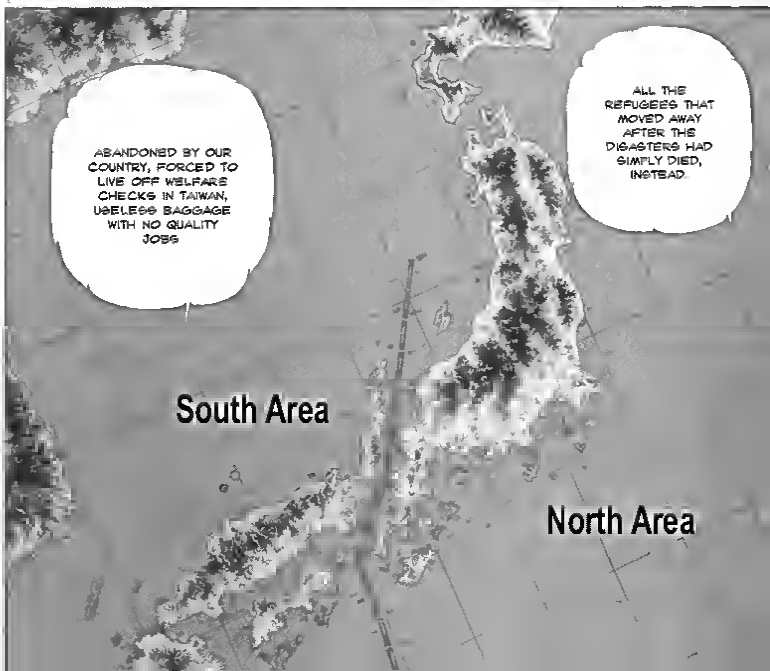

ABANDONED BY OUR COUNTRY, FORCED TO LIVE OFF WELFARE CHECKS IN TAIWAN, USELESS BAGGAGE WITH NO QUALITY JOBS
ALL THE REFUGEES THAT MOVED AWAY AFTER THE DISASTERS HAD SIMPLY DIED, INSTEAD.
South Area
North Area

WE NEED TO USE FORCE TO MAKE THE WORLD NOTICE US. IT'S THE ONLY PATH WE HAVE LEFT.
THAT'S ALL WE NEED

WE DON'T HAVE THAT RELIGIOUS ZEAL THAT SAYS WE HAVE TO PROTECT ALL JAPANESE
WE'RE NOT PALESTINIAN GUERILLAS
BUT KUROFUJI

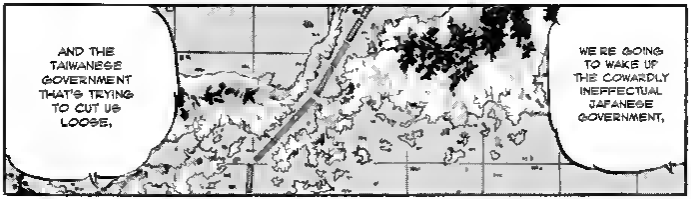
ABOUT MONEY, ISN'T IT?
IT'S ACTU-ALLY ...
YOU BET.
WILL WE REALLY KILL THE TAIWANESE WITHOUT THAT KIND OF REASONING?

AUGH!

GO BACK TO CAMP, TANAKA, AND TELL OZU DEFEATISM ISN'T THE ANSWER

THAT IS .. ASSUMING YOU CAN GET BACK WITH A BULLET IN YOUR CHEST.
WE CARRY OUT THE PLAN AT 8 TONIGHT, AS PLANNED.
NO MORE TURNING BACK NOW
I'VE FINISHED OFF THE MOLE!

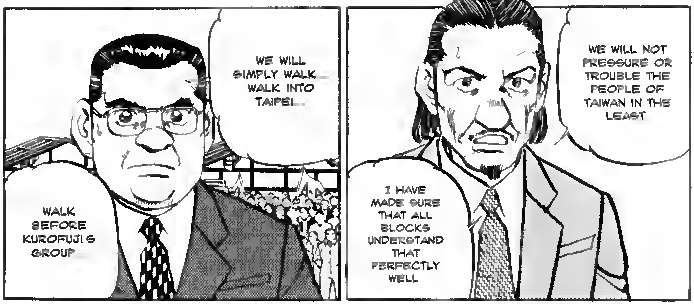
AND C GROUP TAKES THE TAIPEI CENTRAL BROADCASTING STATION!
B GROUP TAKES THE MONORAIL SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS SONGSHAN AIRPORT WITH THE REST OF TAIPEI.
A GROUP TAKES SHILIN NIGHT MARKET!


AND THE TAIWANESE GOVERNMENT THAT'S TRYING TO CUT US LOOSE,
WE'RE GOING TO WAKE UP THE COWARDLY INEFFECTUAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT,

YEAH!
AND ONE DAY, FORGE A NEW, UNITED JAPAN WITH OUR OWN POWER!

ハァ…
WAIT, ARE YOU REALLY GOING WITH THIS MANY PEOPLE?!
W...

THE ENTIRE COUNTRY'S GOING TO PANIC!!
IF THE ALARMED TAIWANESE CITIZENS START PROBLEMS IT WILL ONLY INCREASE THE PANIC AND MAKE THINGS EVEN HARDER TO CONTROL!
IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST 3 HOURS WALKING NORMALLY TO GET TO TAIPEI PROPER FROM HERE.
WE CAN'T FORESEE WHAT COULD HAPPEN ALONG THE WAY.
AND WITH THIS MANY PEOPLE, IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWICE THAT.
BUT MR. OZU, WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN AND ELDERLY? WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?
I WILL TAKE ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PANIC
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN AVOID SPILLING A SINGLE DROP OF TAIWANESE OR JAPANESE BLOOD!


WE WILL SIMPLY WALK... WALK INTO TAIPEI...
WALK BEFORE KUROFUJI'S GROUP...
WE WILL NOT PRESSURE OR TROUBLE THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN IN THE LEAST
I HAVE MADE SURE THAT ALL BLOCKS UNDERSTAND THAT PERFECTLY WELL

THAT'S RIGHT! WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYMORE BLOODSHED!!
AND THE WILL OF THE 80,000 PEOPLE OF TANSUI CAMP WILL FORM A HUMAN SHIELD!
THAT IS ALL!

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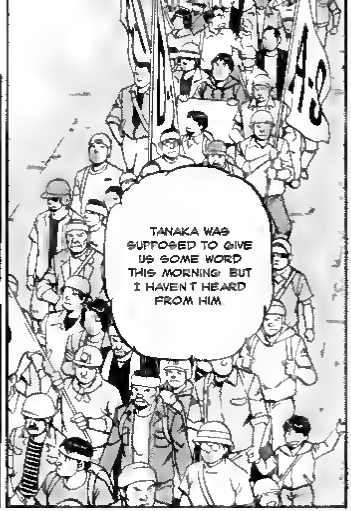
WE'LL NEVER BE CRUSHED AGAIN!
WE'RE GOING TO STOP THIS UPRISING WITH OUR OWN HANDS!!
WE'RE NOT LETTING KUROFUJI GET AWAY WITH THIS!
WE'RE NOT POWER-LESS!
WE'LL SHOW THEM THE STRENGTH OF OUR FEELINGS!!

ALL THESE JAPANESE HERE WERE ONCE STRUCK DOWN BY THE GREAT DISASTERS ...
...BUT NOW THEY ARE STANDING UP ONCE AGAIN!

SOMEONE CALL THE COPS!
H-HEY! SOME-ONE...

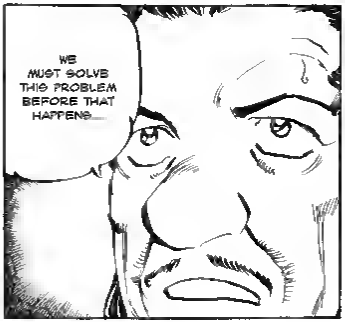
THE JAPANESE FROM CAMP...

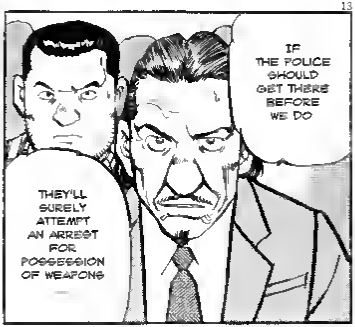
HE ISN'T THE KIND OF GUY WHO WOULD BE LAX WITH KEEPING CONTACT...
DO YOU THINK SOMETHING'S HAPPENED...?

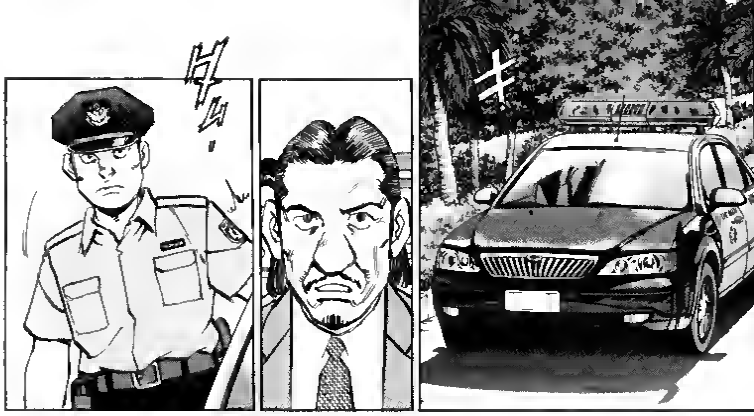

TANAKA WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE US SOME WORD THIS MORNING. BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM.

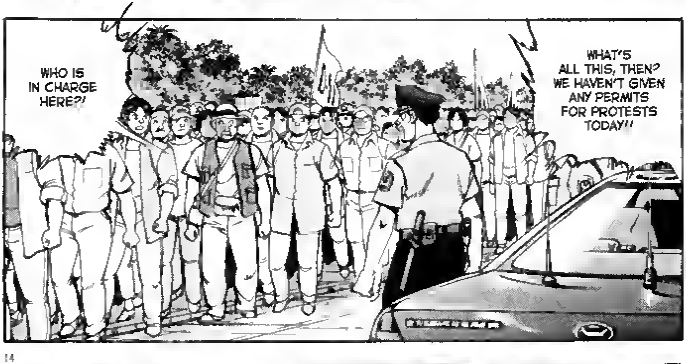
IT COULD MEAN THAT KUROFUJI'S TIME OF ACTION...
IS DRAWING CLOSER THAN WE THINK.

THE BASE IN TANAKA'S REPORT WAS THEIR LATEST. NO DOUBT THE POLICE HAVE YET TO SNIFF IT OUT.
THEIR GROUP WAS VERY CAUTIOUS. THEY CHANGED BASES MANY TIMES...


WE MUST SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...


IF THE POLICE SHOULD GET THERE BEFORE WE DO
THEY'LL SURELY ATTEMPT AN ARREST FOR POSSESSION OF WEAPONS




WHO IS IN CHARGE HERE?!
WHAT'S ALL THIS, THEN? WE HAVEN'T GIVEN ANY PERMITS FOR PROTESTS TODAY!!

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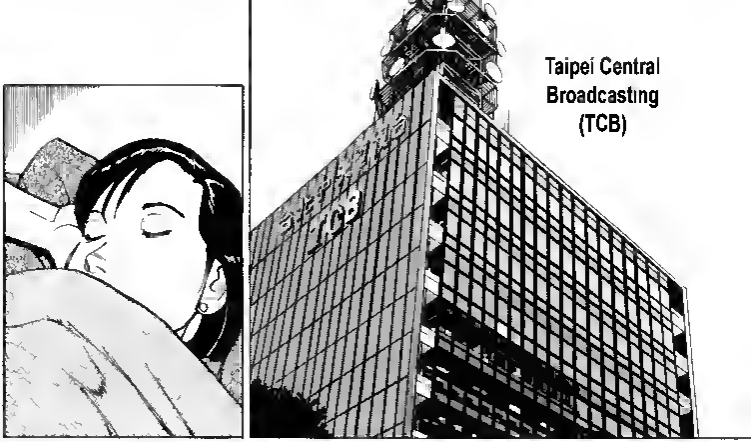
BREAK IT UP!
UNAUTHORIZED PROTESTS ARE AGAINST THE LAW!!
THAT WOULD BE ME.

DON'T WORRY. WE WON'T DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT CAUSE A JAM.
WE ARE USING THE SIDEWALKS SO AS TO STAY OUT OF TRAFFIC.
THIS IS NOT A PROTEST.
WE ARE SIMPLY WALKING INTO TAIPEI
WHAT?
LET US THROUGH.
PLEASE.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BUZZ OFF
I'M SLEEPING!

RISE AND SHINE, CHEN LI-JUN! ANOTHER NIGHT AT THE OFFICE?
OR ARE YOU HOLDING A SIT-IN TO PROTEST BEING TAKEN OFF THE SCOOP ABOUT THE ARMED GROUP IN KEELUNG?

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HELLO, TCB...
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
AH, YOU SENT THE IMAGES! GREAT!
I'LL OPEN THEM RIGHT NOW!
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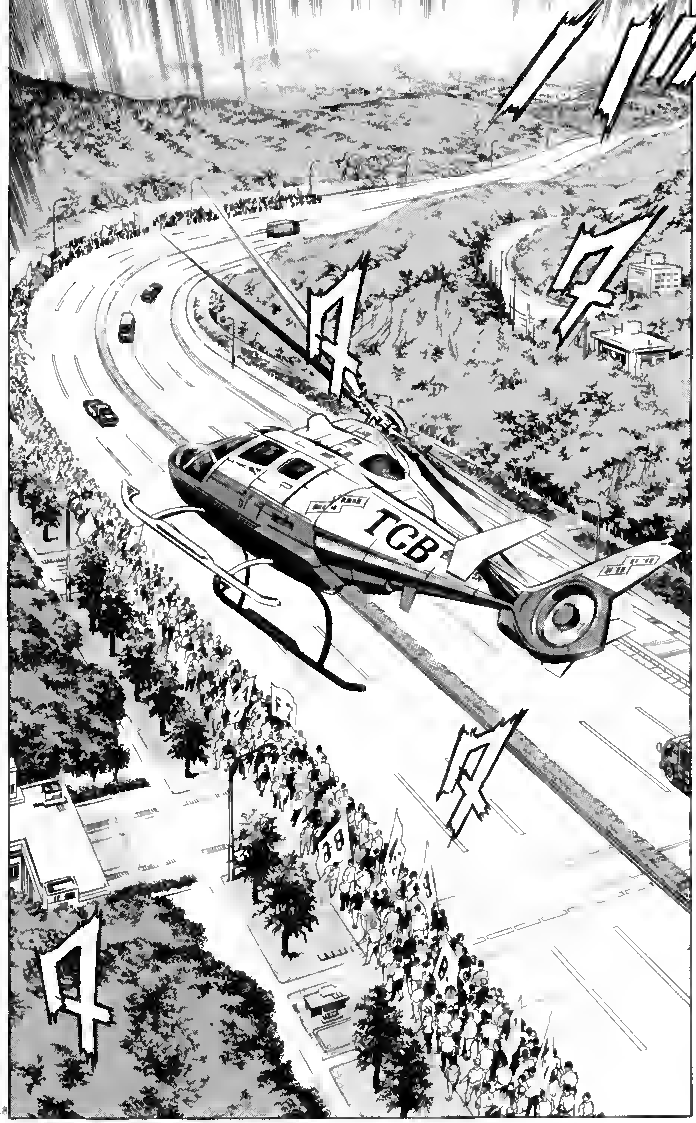
WH... WHAT'S THIS?!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EARLY THIS MORNING, 80,000 JAPANESE RESIDENTS OF TAMSUI LEFT THE CAMP,
AND HAVE HEADED ON A MARCH TOWARD TAIPEI!
LOOK AT THIS INCREDIBLE PROCESSION!
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BUT SEEING EVEN THE ELDERLY AND NEWBORN AMONG THE PEOPLE MARCHING
IT'S BELIEVED THIS IS BEING DONE TO DEMAND BETTER TREATMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
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WE JUST DON'T KNOW FOR SURE WHY THEY'RE DOING IT!

THE JAPANESE ARE MARCHING!
XIA TAI TAI, TAKE A LOOK AT THE TV!
THAT'S XIAN FROM THE CART ...
STANDING AT THE FRONT!
!
NEARLY 70 MILLION JAPANESE CITIZENS MADE AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM THE TERROR OF THE GREAT JAPANESE QUAKES...
HEADING OVERSEAS TO AMERICA, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, EUROPE, AND HERE TO TAIWAN

COULD THESE TEMPORARY JAPANESE REFUGEES' BOTTLED EMOTIONS...
NOW, 15 YEARS LATER... UNABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR STILL-REBUILDING COUNTRY,
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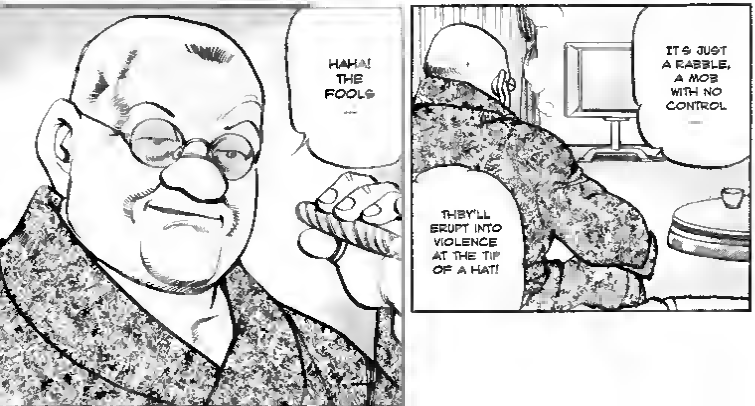
FINALLY BE ABOUT TO ERUPT?


HAHA! THE FOOLS...
IT'S JUST A RABBLE, A MOB WITH NO CONTROL...
THEY'LL ERUPT INTO VIOLENCE AT THE TIP OF A HAT!

YOU ARE MR OZU, THE CAMP REPRESENTATIVE, CORRECT?!
REPORTER FROM TCB!
TCB
THIS IS NOT A PROTEST
MAY WE ASSUME THIS ACTION IS A PROTEST AGAINST THE TERMINATION OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT?!
TCB
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BUT THE PEOPLE OF TAIPEI ARE AFRAID,
AFRAID THAT THIS MIGHT LEAD TO SOME SORT OF VIOLENCE!
WE ARE SIMPLY WALKING DOWN THE STREET

THIS IS SURE PROOF THAT WE MEAN TO CAUSE NO RIOTS
ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU LOOK AT THESE PEOPLE.
THERE ARE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN AMONG OUR RANKS.
WAIT, WHY ARE WE STOP-PING?!
LOOK!
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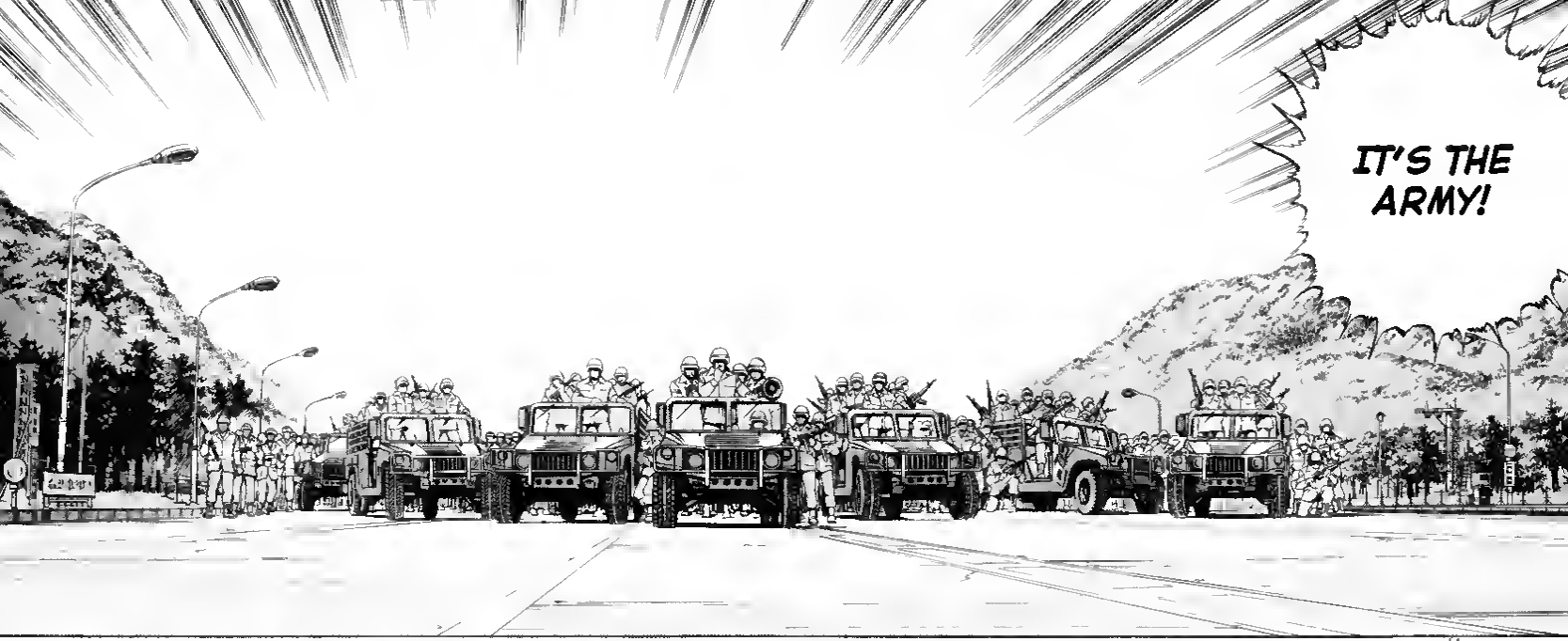
WHAT'S... THAT?


IT'S THE ARMY!

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TURN BACK AND RETURN TO YOUR CAMP IMMEDIATELY!

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YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PASS INTO TAIPEI CITY!!
PEOPLE OF THE JAPANESE TANSUI CAMP!

IF WE GO BACK NOW, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE AGAIN
HOW-EVER
WE CAN'T PASS BY THE MILITARY! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO STOP AND
MR. OZU!
YOU'RE CRAZY! THIS AIN'T NO JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE! IF WE TRY ANY FUNNY BUSINESS, THEY'LL OPEN FIRE!!
WHO CARES?! WE'LL JUST PUSH OUR WAY THROUGH WITH FORCE!
LET'S TURN BACK!!
THEY'RE NOT JOKING AROUND!

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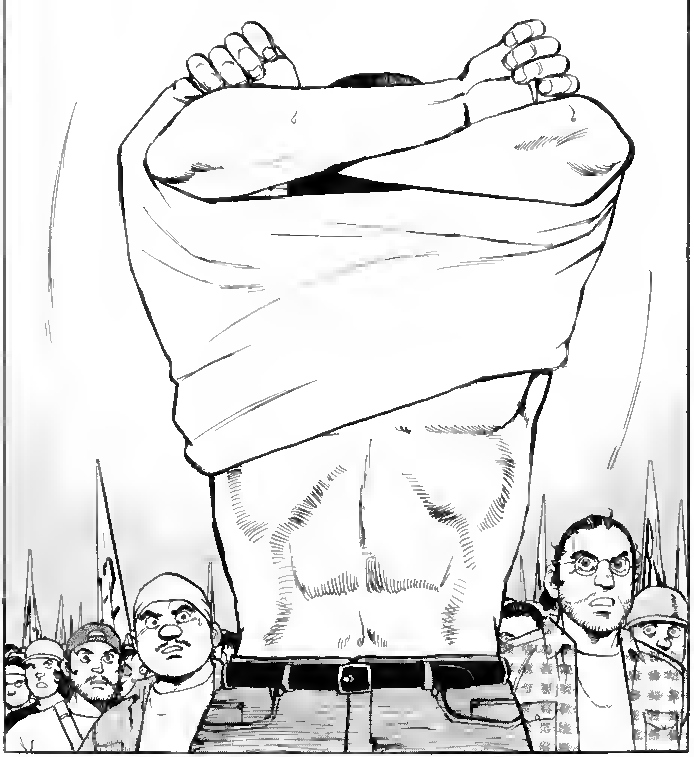
LET'S GO BACK!!
WE CAN'T DO IT!



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IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A WHITE FLAG?

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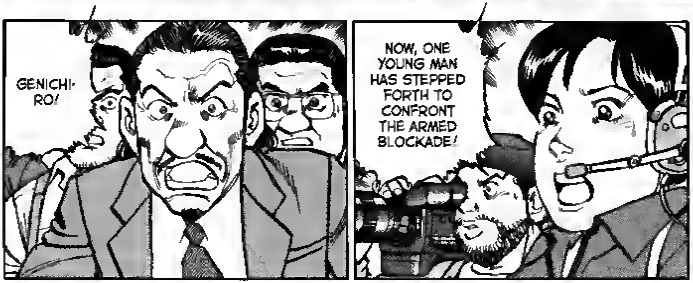
THE ARMY STANDS BEFORE THE MARCH OF 80,000 JAPANESE REFUGEES...!


GENICHI-RO!
NOW, ONE YOUNG MAN HAS STEPPED FORTH TO CONFRONT THE ARMED BLOCKADE!

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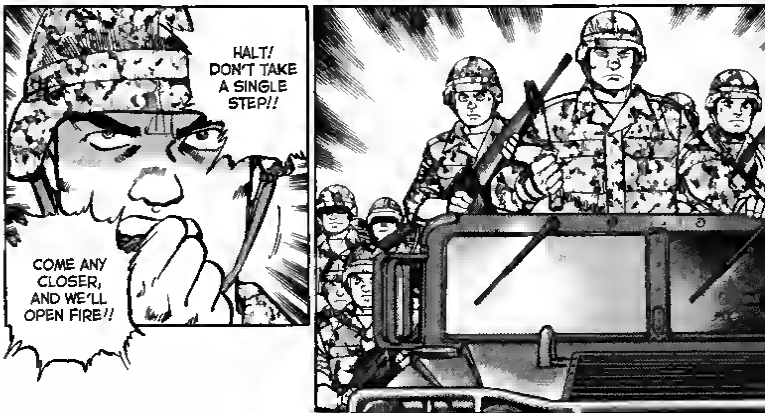
HALT! DON'T TAKE A SINGLE STEP!!
COME ANY CLOSER, AND WE'LL OPEN FIRE!!

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HE DID THIS TO PREVENT ANY MEANINGLESS COMBAT FROM STARTING UP!
THAT'S RIGHT...

WE BEAR YOU NO MALICE OR ILL WILL!
THIS IS A MARCH FOR PEACE! WE DO NOT INTEND TO SPILL ANY BLOOD!

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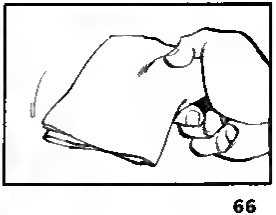
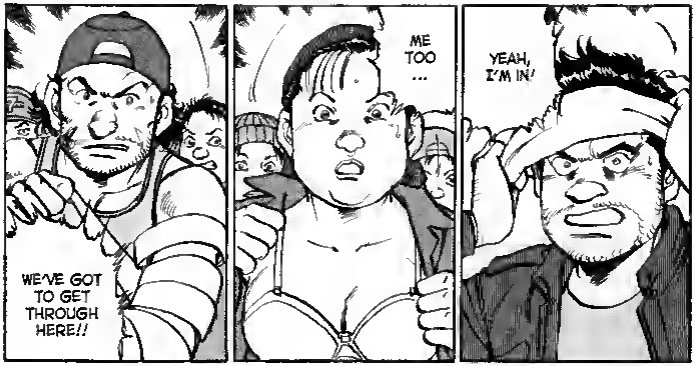
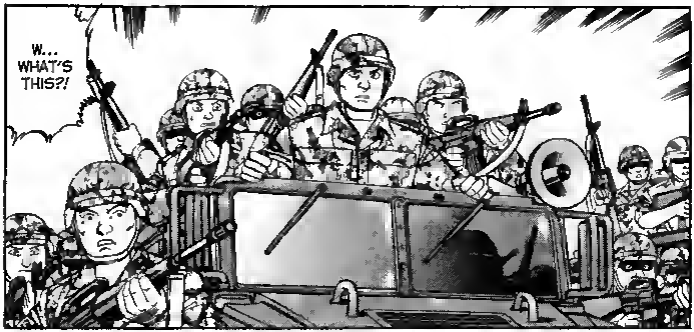
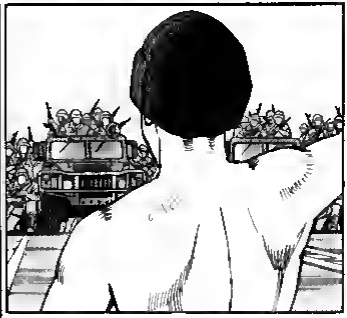
HUH ...?
FOLLOW HIS LEAD, EVERYONE!




WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH HERE!!
ME TOO ...
YEAH, I'M IN!


W... WHAT'S THIS?!



S-SEE FOR YOUR-SELF!

HAS INSTANTLY SPREAD TO ALL OF THE 80,000 BEHIND HIM!
THE WHITE FLAG THE YOUNG MAN AT THE FRONT IS BEARING
THE PROCESSION IS ATTEMPTING TO MOVE ONWARD!
AND BABY DIAPERS BEING WAVED BY WOMEN!
EVEN BRAS,
T-SHIRTS!
TOWELS DRAPED OVER HEADS!
HANDKERCHIEFS...!!
THIS MARCH OF 80,000 HAS SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A SEA OF WHITE!

THIS FOOTAGE IS BEING BROADCAST OVER THE INTERNET,
THE PURPOSE OF THIS WHITE-WAVING CROWD IS STILL UNCLEAR,
WHERE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF DISPLACED JAPANESE ARE NO DOUBT WATCHING!
TCB
HOW MUST THEY FEEL AS THEY WITNESS THIS EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT?!
BUT IT COULD BE THAT THIS SIGN OF WHITE FLAGS IS SAYING THAT THEY DO NOT WISH US HARM!

ISTANBUL,
1:00 A.M.
TURKEY

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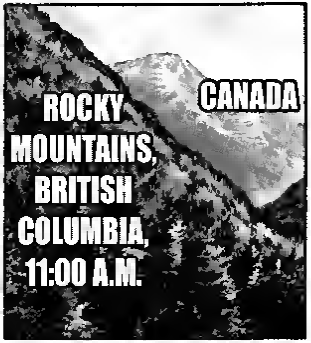
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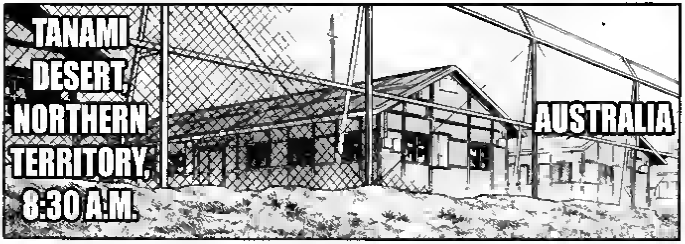
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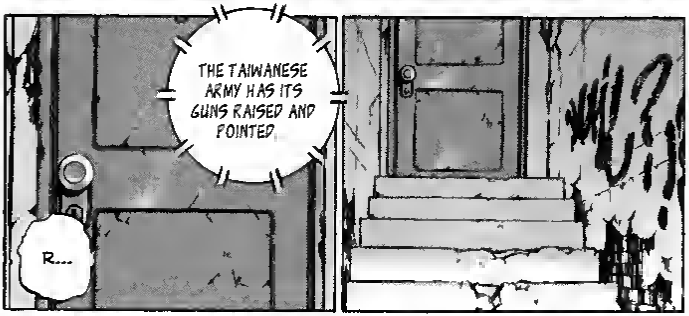
THE TAIWANESE ARMY HAS ITS GUNS RAISED AND POINTED
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RUFF!

AT THE PROCESSION OF 80,000 UNARMED, UNRESISTING MARCHERS!
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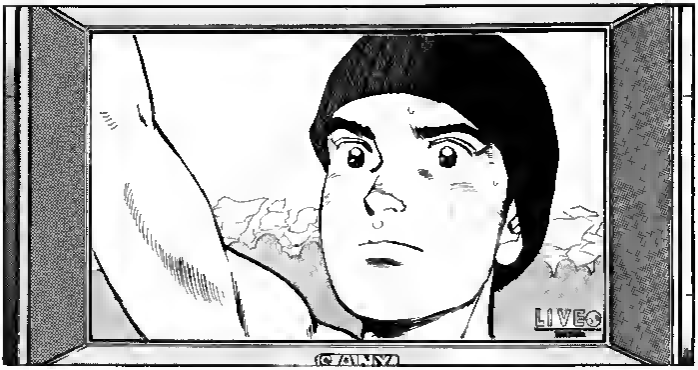
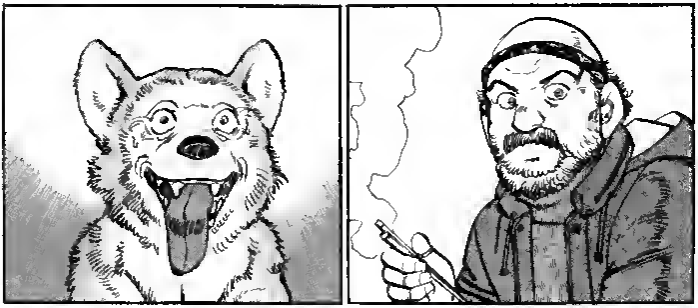
HAVEN'T HEARD YOU BARKIN' IN MONTHS
HEY NOW, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
CAN WE, THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN, TRULY ALLOW FOR THE TRIGGER TO BE PULLED AT THIS MOMENT?!
THERE SOMETHIN' GOOD ON THE TV, GENICHIRO?





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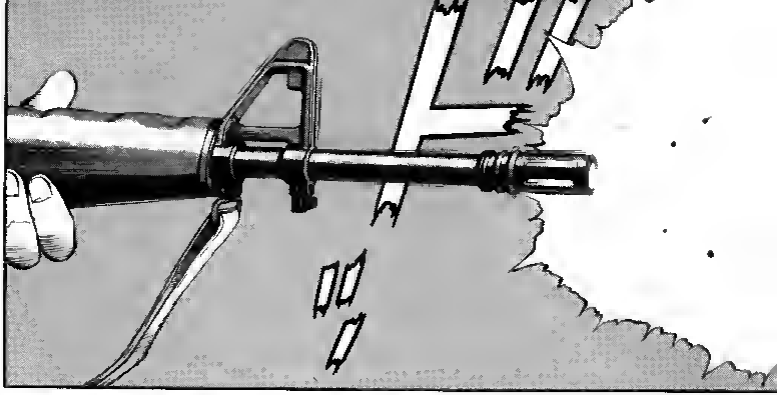
THEN IT WILL BE THE TAIWANESE THAT ARE RESORTING TO VIOLENCE!
NO, WE CANNOT ALLOW FOR IT TO HAPPEN!
NO MATTER WHAT THEIR REASON FOR THIS MARCH IS, IF WE USE FORCE TO STOP THEM,
DON'T POINT YOUR GUNS AT UNARMED PEOPLE!
THAT'S RIGHT, LET THEM THROUGH!!
THE JAPANESE ARE JUST WALKING DOWN THE STREET, THAT'S ALL!!



AAAH!
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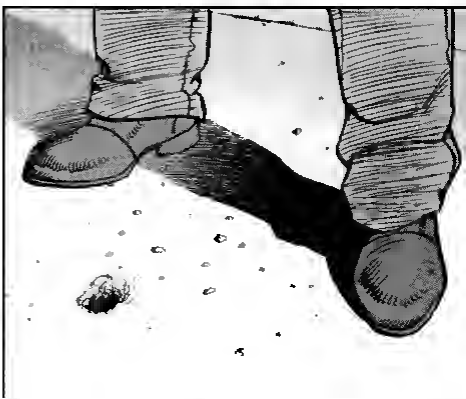
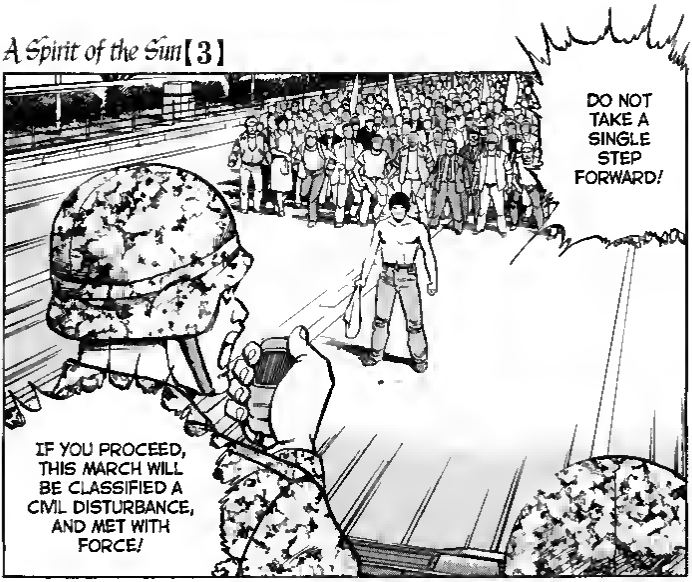
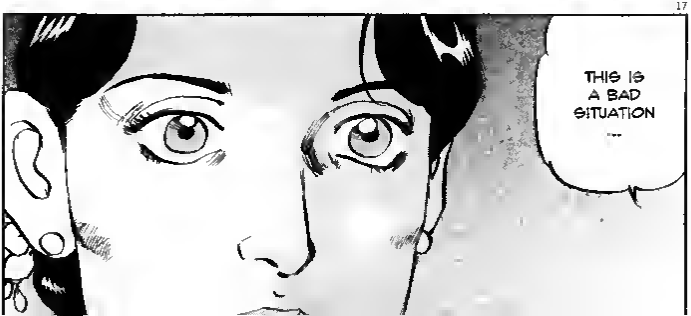
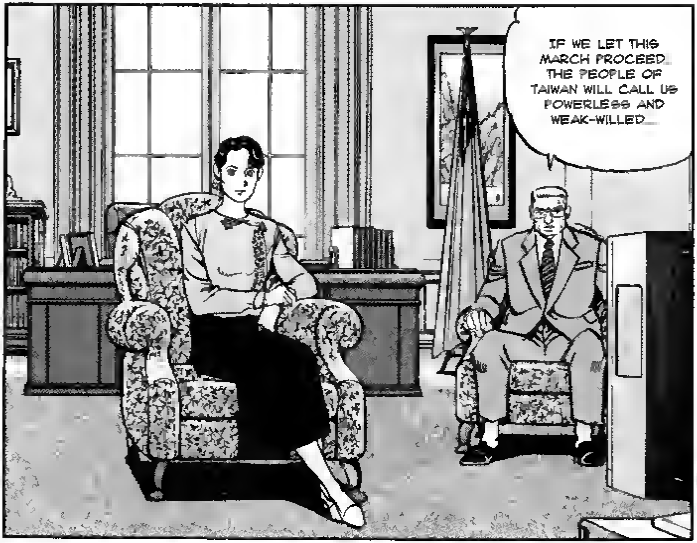



DO NOT TAKE A SINGLE STEP FORWARD!
IF YOU PROCEED, THIS MARCH WILL BE CLASSIFIED A CIVIL DISTURBANCE, AND MET WITH FORCE!


THIS IS A BAD SITUATION ...


IF WE LET THIS MARCH PROCEED, THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN WILL CALL US POWERLESS AND WEAK-WILLED...

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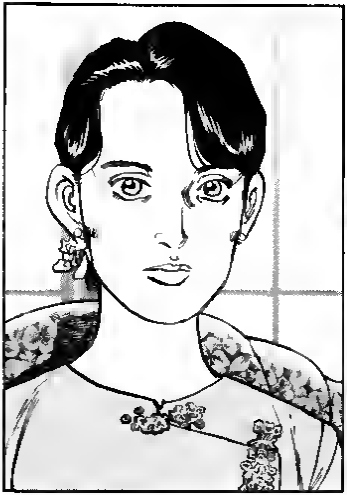
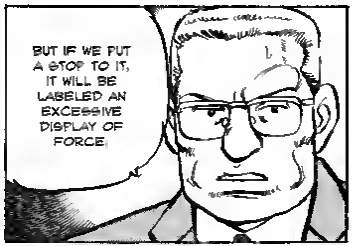
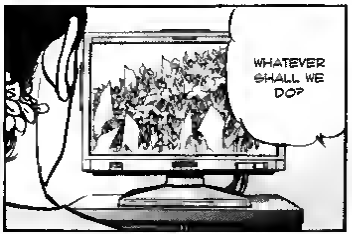
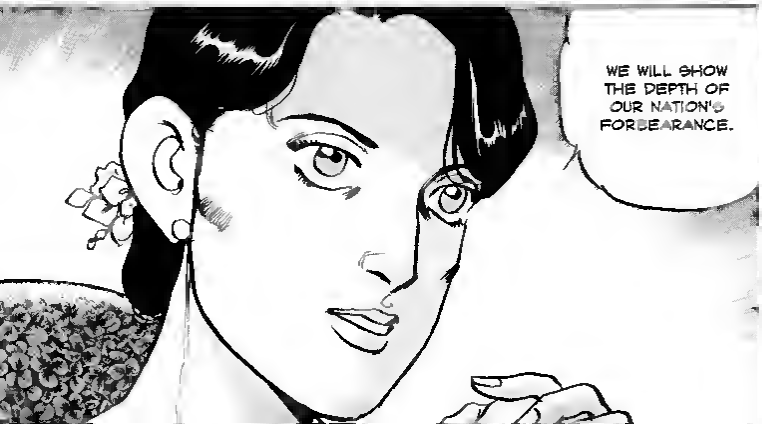
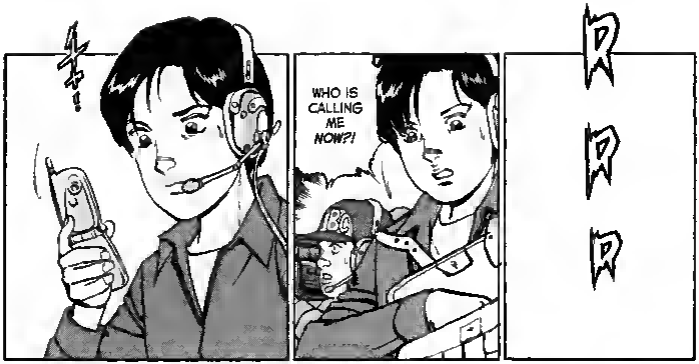


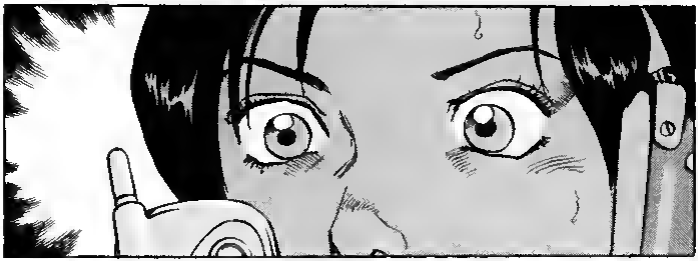

BUT IF WE PUT A STOP TO IT, IT WILL BE LABELED AN EXCESSIVE DISPLAY OF FORCE.


WHATEVER SHALL WE DO?

—WHY MUST WE ASSUME THIS IS A PREDICAMENT?
YES MA'AM
GET OUR INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENTS ACTIVE
AND FIND OUT THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS MARCH...
AN UNPRECEDENTED CHANCE FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD
BEFORE THE ENTIRE GLOBE'S EYES...
THIS IS NOTHING BUT A GIFT FROM THE HEAVENS
MA'AM?


WE WILL SHOW THE DEPTH OF OUR NATION'S FORBEARANCE.





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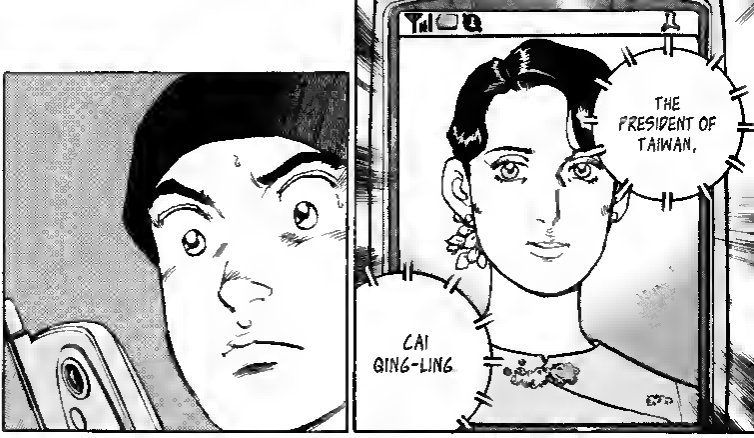
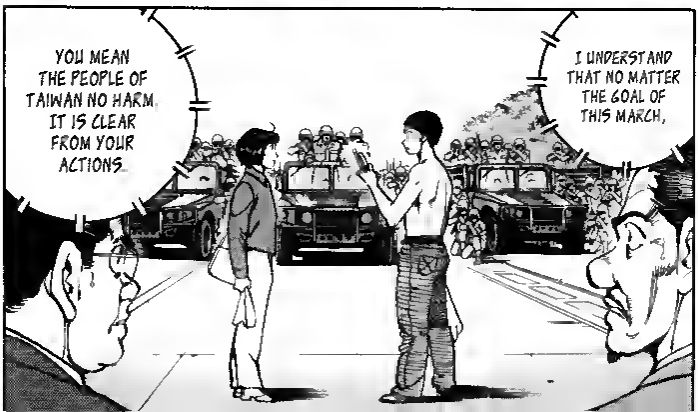
FOR ME?
HUFF, HUFF! IT'S FOR YOU... URGENT...!

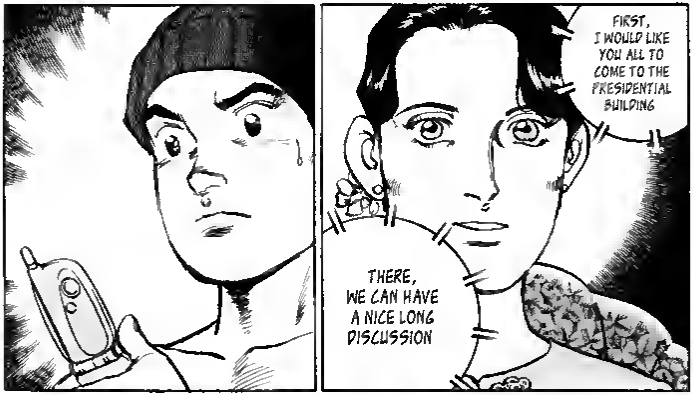
A... ARE YOU-?!

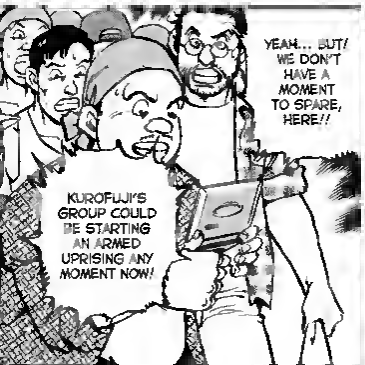

THE PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN,
CAI QING-LING.

WHAT?!
CAPTAIN!
EMERGENCY NOTICE FROM GHQ!


YOU MEAN THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN NO HARM. IT IS CLEAR FROM YOUR ACTIONS.
I UNDERSTAND THAT NO MATTER THE GOAL OF THIS MARCH,

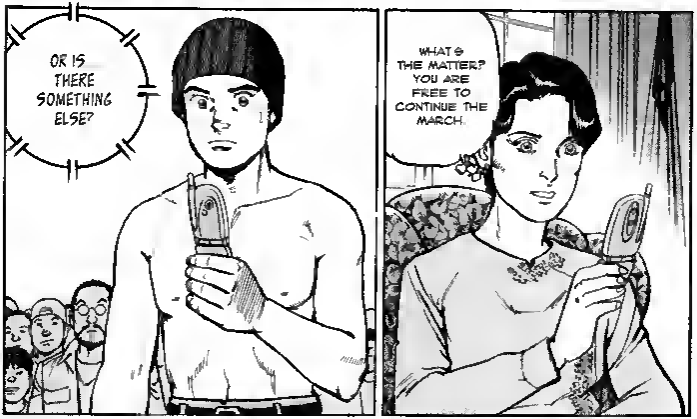
BUT I WILL HAVE THE ARMY ACCOMPANY YOU, TO CUT DOWN ON ANY UNDESIRED CONFUSION
I WILL PERMIT YOU TO PROCEED INTO THE CITY OF TAIPEI


FIRST, I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO COME TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BUILDING
THERE, WE CAN HAVE A NICE LONG DISCUSSION


YEAH... BUT/ WE DON'T HAVE A MOMENT TO SPARE, HERE!!
KUROFUJI'S GROUP COULD BE STARTING AN ARMED UPRISING ANY MOMENT NOW!

LOOK AT THAT/ A DIRECT SUMMONS FROM PRESIDENT CAI/
I KNEW SHE'D SETTLE THIS WITH WORDS, RATHER THAN FORCE!

...
PRESIDENT CAI WANTS US...
TO PROCEED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY THE ARMY?!


OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU ARE FREE TO CONTINUE THE MARCH.

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT ALONE
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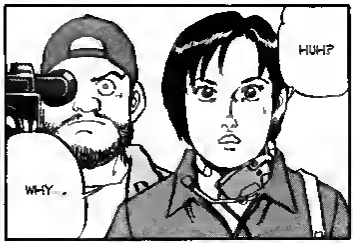
I'M SORRY... MAY I ASK YOU TO TURN THE CAMERAS OFF FOR THIS?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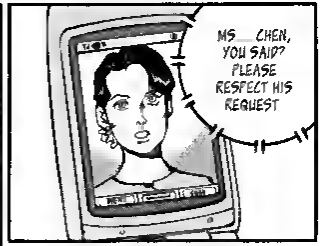
MS... CHEN, YOU SAID? PLEASE RESPECT HIS REQUEST

V-VERY WELL WE WILL COMPLY

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
HOWEVER... I'M AFRAID WE CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

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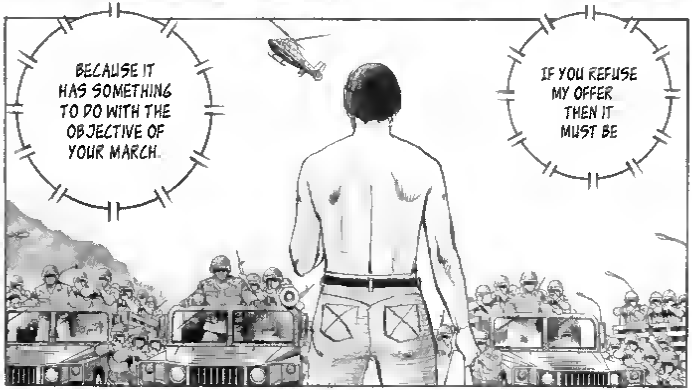
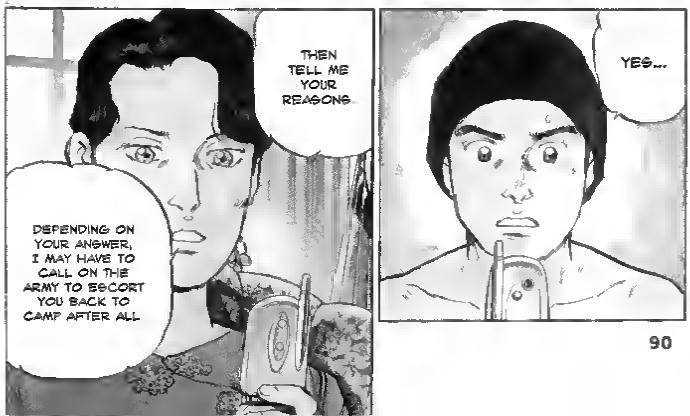
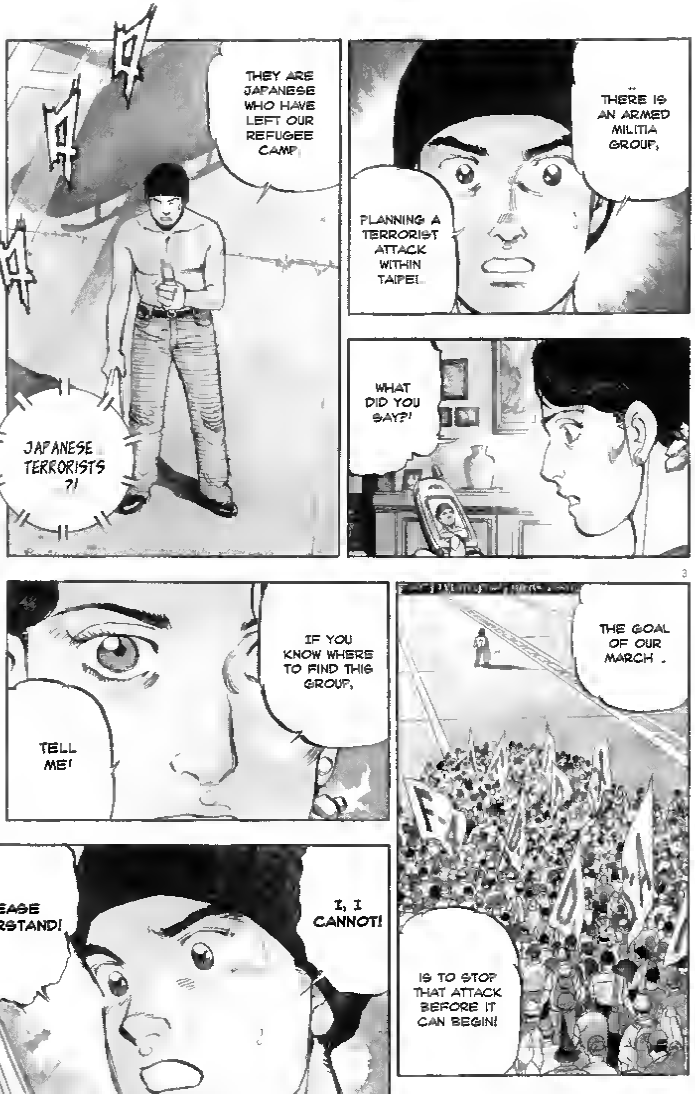
WHAT'S GENICHIRO TALKING ABOUT ON THE PHONE?!
WHAT'S GOING ON? THEY CUT THE CAMERAS!
THIS IS CHOPPER FOOTAGE!!


BECAUSE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF YOUR MARCH.
IF YOU REFUSE MY OFFER THEN IT MUST BE


THEN TELL ME YOUR REASONS.
DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER, I MAY HAVE TO CALL ON THE ARMY TO ESCORT YOU BACK TO CAMP AFTER ALL
YES...


THEY ARE JAPANESE WHO HAVE LEFT OUR REFUGEE CAMP.
JAPANESE TERRORISTS ?!
... THERE IS AN ARMED MILITIA GROUP,
PLANNING A TERRORIST ATTACK WITHIN TAIPEI.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
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IF YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND THIS GROUP,
TELL ME!
THE GOAL OF OUR MARCH ,
IS TO STOP THAT ATTACK BEFORE IT CAN BEGIN!
PLEASE UNDERSTAND!
I, I CANNOT!

AND THIS... THIS IS THE ONLY METHOD THAT CAN SUCCEED!
WE WANT TO STOP THE ATTACK *WITHOUT* SPILLING A SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD!
IF YOU ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THIS WITH FORCE, I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT BOTH SIDES WILL SEE BLOODSHED!
YOUR PLAN IS ABSURD!
SO SO OOO OF YOU
ARE GOING TO STAND BEFORE THESE TERRORISTS AND USE YOURSELVES AS HUMAN SHIELDS
AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYMORE BLOOD SHED FOR NO REASON!!
WE ARE THE SURVIVORS OF THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKES! WE KNOW A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT SACRIFICE!

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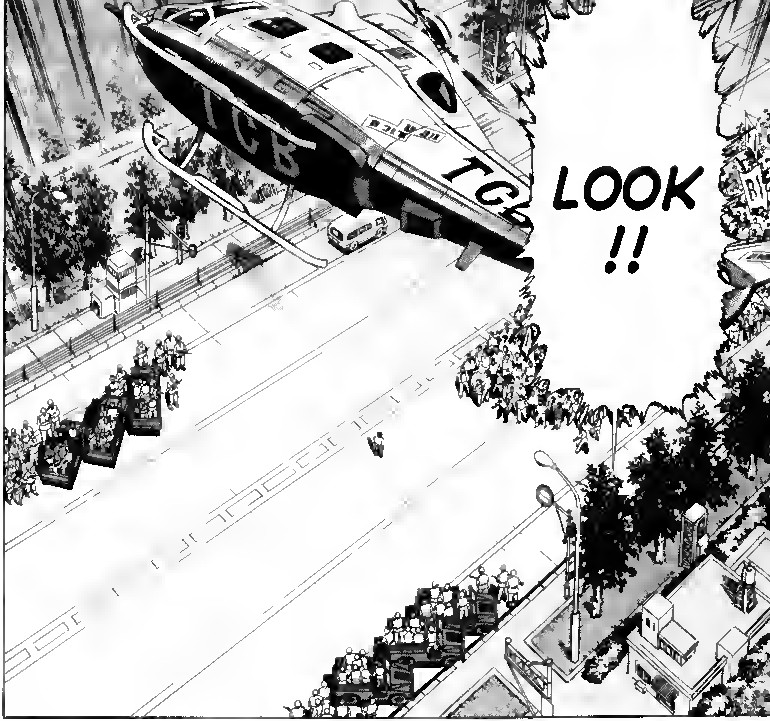
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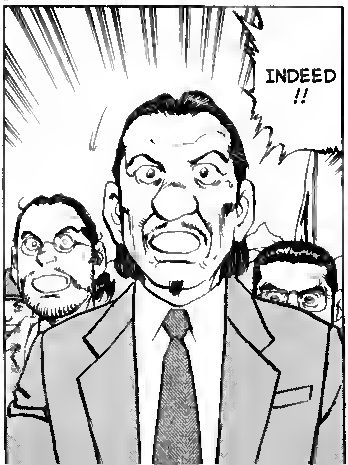
INDEED
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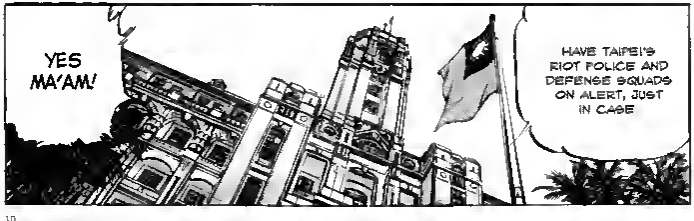
LET'S GO, MR OZU!
TIME TO CONTINUE THE MARCH

THANK YOU ..
WHAT
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC DID YOU USE ON THE PRESIDENT?!

I FELT LIKE STAKING MY CHANCES ON HIS YOUTH AND ZEAL.

WAS IT RIGHT TO TRUST HIS WORD, MRS PRESIDENT?

MA'AM ...?


YES MA'AM!
HAVE TAIPEI'S RIOT POLICE AND DEFENSE SQUADS ON ALERT, JUST IN CASE

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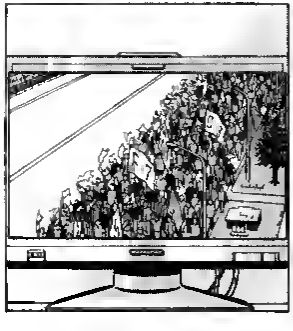
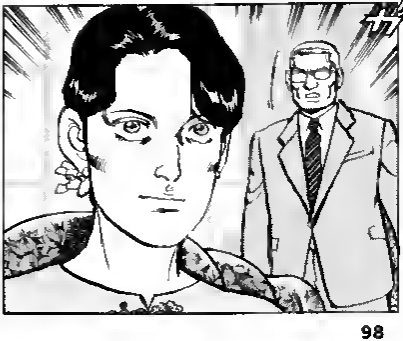
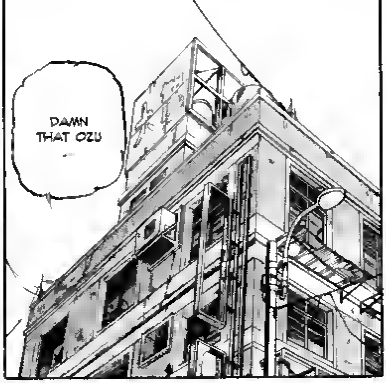
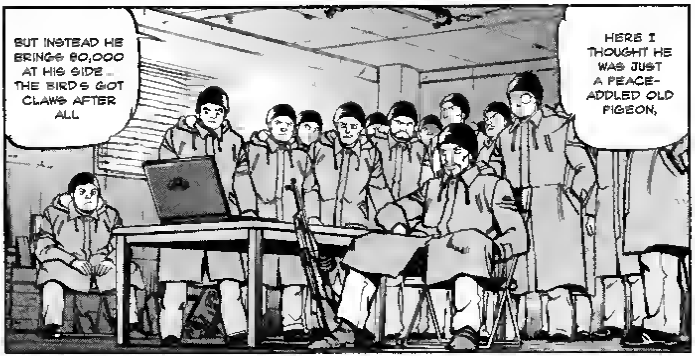





DAMN THAT OZU


BUT INSTEAD HE BRINGS 80,000 AT HIS SIDE... THE BIRD'S GOT CLAWS AFTER ALL
HERE I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A PEACE-ADDLED OLD PIGEON,

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IT'LL BE HERE!

IF THEY GOT WORD FROM THEIR MOLE TANAKA...

KUROFUJI!
WHERE ARE THEY HEADING?!

GOT IT...
ALL UNITS SPREAD INTO THE CITY TO WAIT FOR THE CALL!

WHICH MEANS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO STRIKE FIRST.
A LITTLE EARLY, I KNOW BUT IT'S TIME TO CLOSE THE BASE AND BEGIN OPERATIONS!

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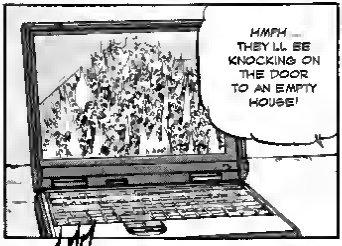
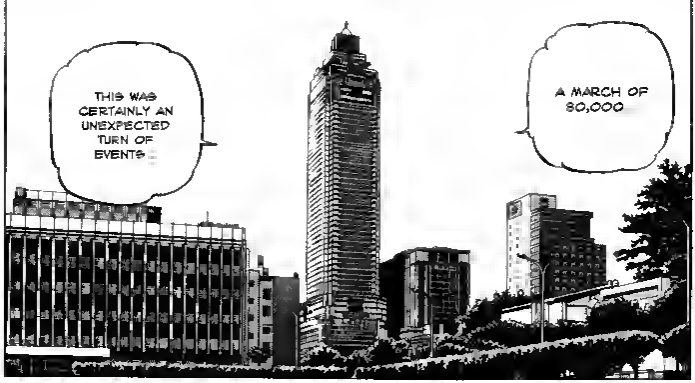
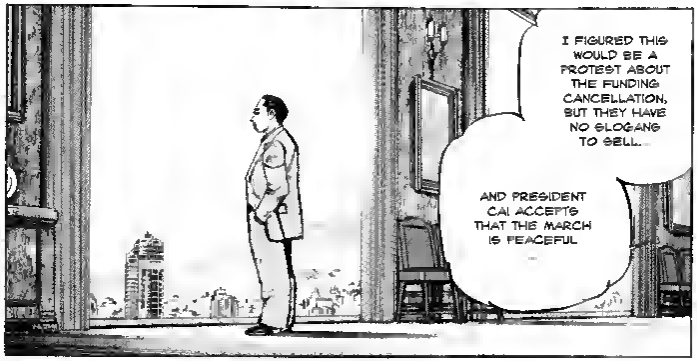

HMPH — THEY'LL BE KNOCKING ON THE DOOR TO AN EMPTY HOUSE!

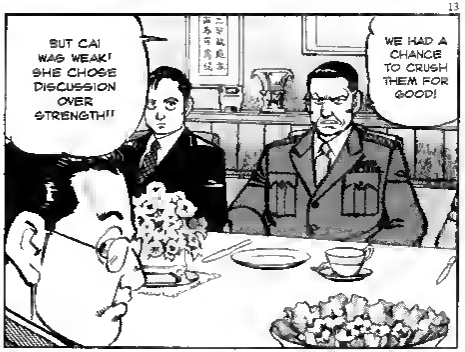
YES SIR!

IT'S TIME TO SHOW THEM THAT JUST WALKING WON'T CHANGE A THING IN THIS WORLD!
WE CARRY OUT THE PLAN AS SCHEDULED!


THIS WAS CERTAINLY AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS...
A MARCH OF 80,000


I FIGURED THIS WOULD BE A PROTEST ABOUT THE FUNDING CANCELLATION, BUT THEY HAVE NO SLOGANS TO SELL...
AND PRESIDENT CAI ACCEPTS THAT THIS MARCH IS PEACEFUL...

THE JAPANESE APPEAR DOCILE NOW, BUT THEY ONCE INVADED THE ASIAN MAINLAND...


BUT CAI WAS WEAK! SHE CHOSE DISCUSSION OVER STRENGTH!!
WE HAD A CHANCE TO CRUSH THEM FOR GOOD!

AND UNFORTU-NATELY— THE TAIWANESE PEOPLE ARE BECOMING SYMPATHETIC
NO MATTER WHAT THEIR OBJECTIVE, WHEN A CROWD THIS LARGE IS UNITED—
SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE— MUST DO SOMETHING—
THEY ARE A THREAT—

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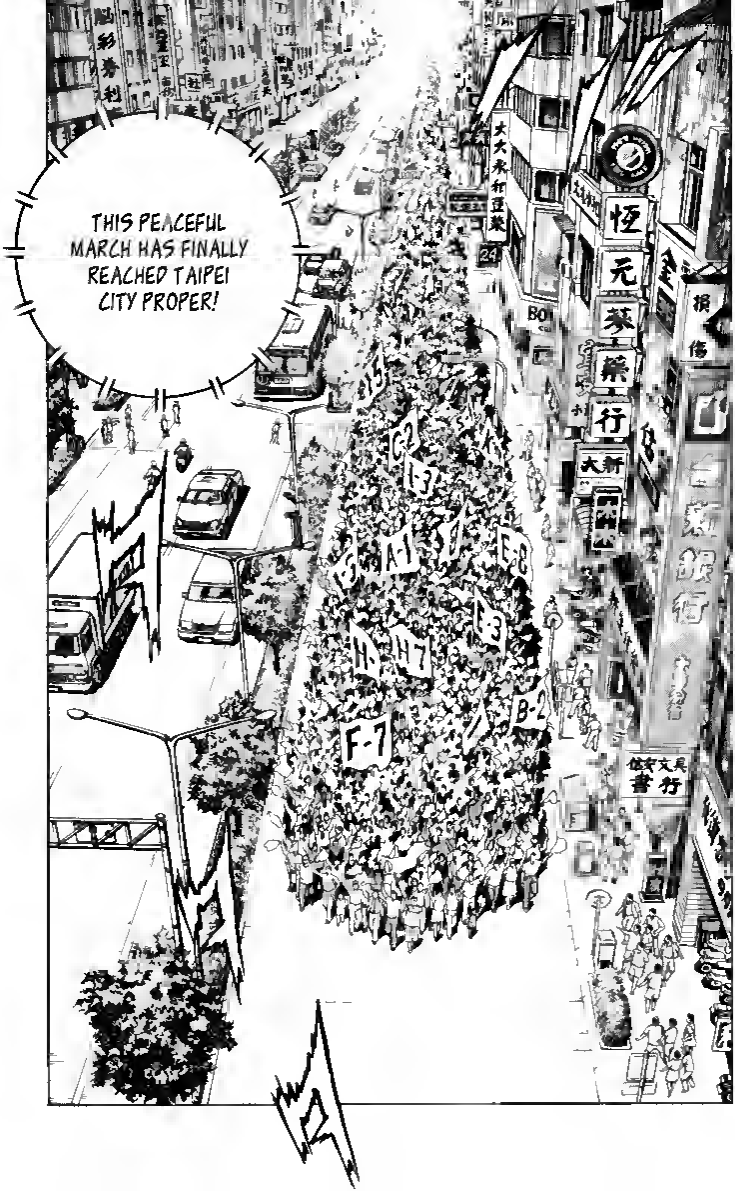
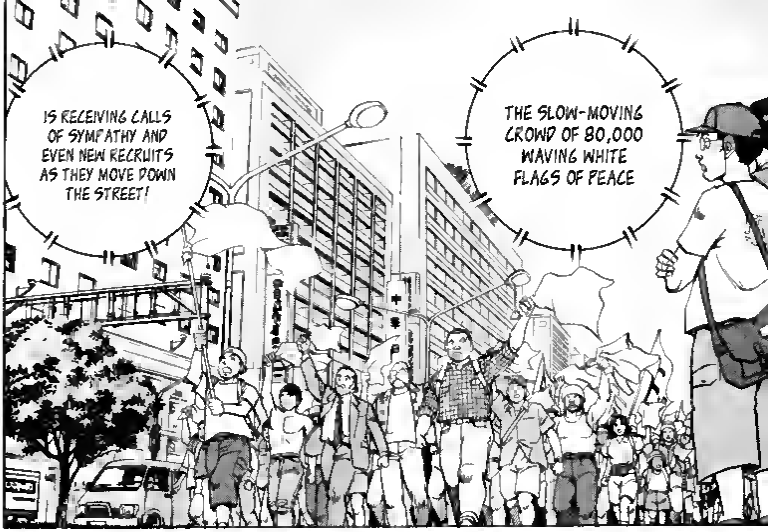
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU JAPAN IS A COUNTRY OF THE PAST
PLEASE— LEAVE THAT TO ME
AH— FORGIVE MY IMPROPRIETY WE HAVE AN EX-PATRIATE IN OUR MIDST
MR. YU?


THIS PEACEFUL MARCH HAS FINALLY REACHED TAIPEI CITY PROPER!


IS RECEIVING CALLS OF SYMPATHY AND EVEN NEW RECRUITS AS THEY MOVE DOWN THE STREET!
THE SLOW-MOVING CROWD OF 80,000 WAVING WHITE FLAGS OF PEACE

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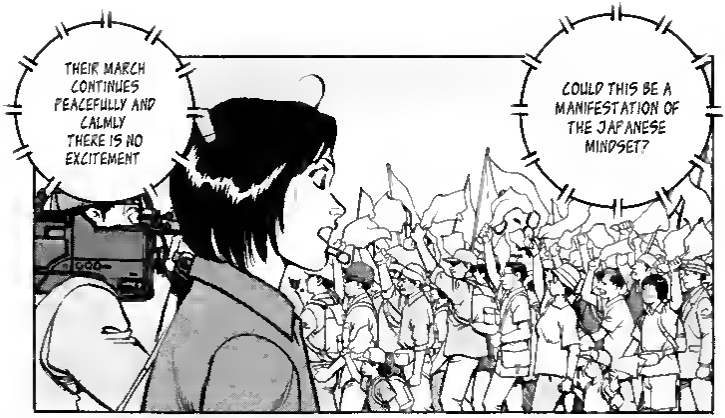
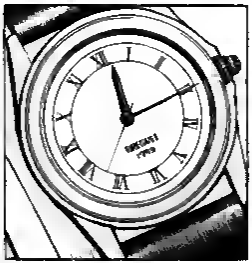
WE CAN SUPPOSE THIS MARCH IS IN RESPONSE TO THE RUMORED CEASING OF TAIWANESE AID PAYMENTS NEXT YEAR.
AS WELL AS A PROTEST AIMED AT THEIR HOMELAND, WHICH IS STILL OFF-LIMITS AFTER 15 LONG YEARS.
ANYONE THIRSTY? DRINK UP!
KEEP ON MARCHIN'!!
T-THANKS!


THEIR MARCH CONTINUES PEACEFULLY AND CALMLY THERE IS NO EXCITEMENT
COULD THIS BE A MANIFESTATION OF THE JAPANESE MINDSET?

IT'S ABOUT TIME...
I SUPPOSE



KUROFUJI'S GROUP WILL HAVE SEEN US ON TV.
AND ARE NO DOUBT LEAVING THEIR BASE AND MOVING TO THE NEXT STEP.

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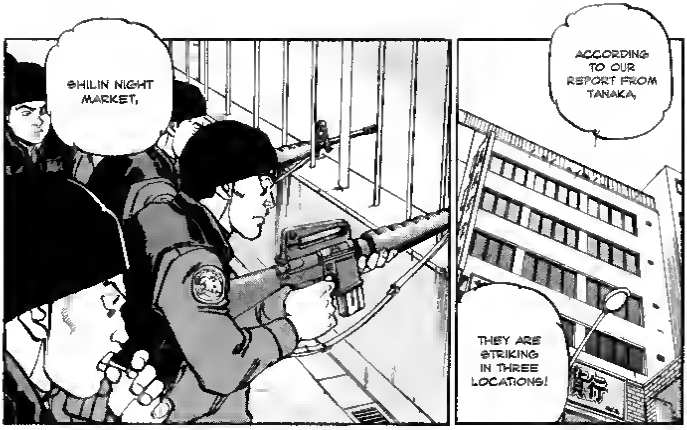
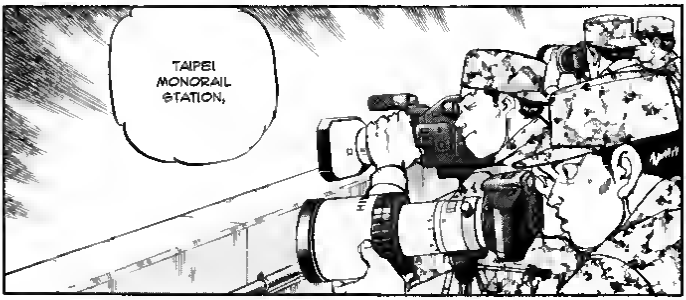

SHILIN NIGHT MARKET,
ACCORDING TO OUR REPORT FROM TANAKA,
THEY ARE STRIKING IN THREE LOCATIONS!


TAIPEI MONORAIL STATION,

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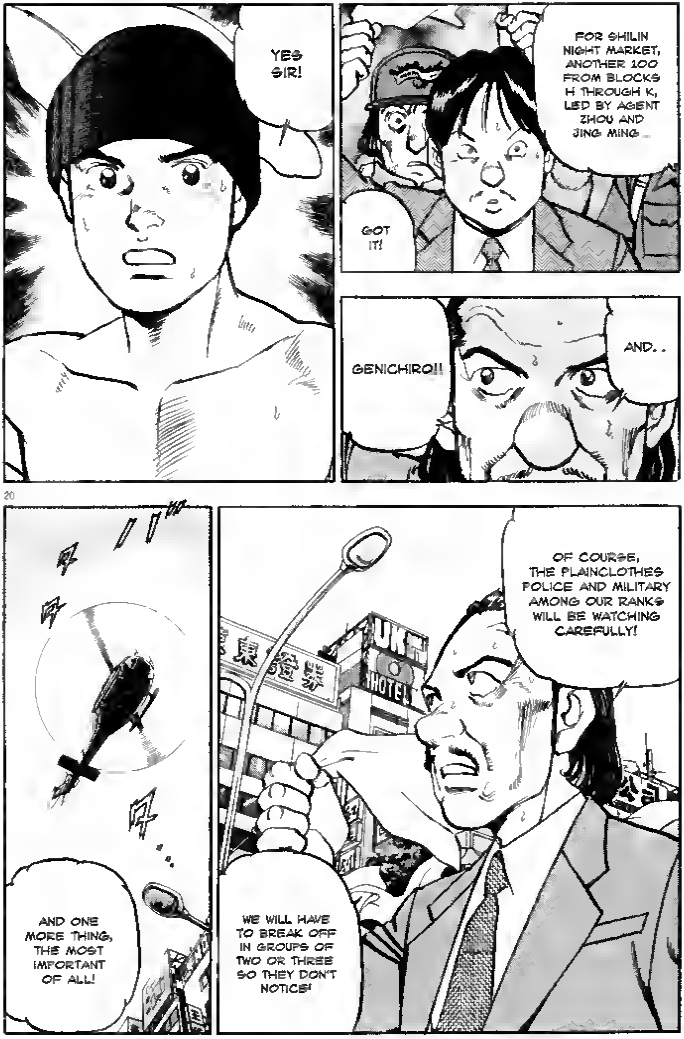
AND TAIPEI CENTRAL BROADCASTING STATION!

WE JAPANESE MUST BREAK PAST THIS HURDLE,
AND STAND BEFORE KUROFUJI'S MEN OURSELVES!
THE MAIN MARCH WILL ACT AS A DECOY, HEADING FOR THE BASE
AND WITHOUT DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE MEDIA, ARMY, POLICE OR CITIZENS,
HEAD TO KUROFUJI'S TARGETS!
WHILE 300 OF OUR YOUNG, STRONG MEN WILL ACT SEPARATELY,
FIRST, I WILL LEAD 100 FROM BLOCKS A THROUGH D
TO TAIPEI CBS!
MURAKOSHI, YOU WILL TAKE 100 FROM BLOCKS E THROUGH G TO TAIPEI MONORAIL STATION!
YES SIR!


YES SIR!
FOR SHILIN NIGHT MARKET, ANOTHER 100 FROM BLOCKS H THROUGH K, LED BY AGENT ZHOU AND JING MING...
GOT IT!
GENICHIRO!!
AND..
OF COURSE, THE PLAINCLOTHES POLICE AND MILITARY AMONG OUR RANKS WILL BE WATCHING CAREFULLY!
WE WILL HAVE TO BREAK OFF IN GROUPS OF TWO OR THREE SO THEY DON'T NOTICE!
AND ONE MORE THING, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL!

AROUND THE WORLD...
AND BY EXTENSION, EVERY OTHER REFUGEE CAMP,
AS WE ARE ACTING IN SECRET FROM THE TAIPEI AUTHORITIES, FAILURE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!
IF A SINGLE CITIZEN OF THIS CITY IS HARMED... ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY WILL LIE WITH YOU!!
PLEASE ENSURE THAT OUR PEOPLE DO NOT RISE TO THE BAIT!
I UNDERSTAND!
MR JIMICHI
YES?
I WANT YOU TO LEAD THIS MARCH TO THEIR HIDEOUT.
YOU CAN PROBABLY EXPECT PROVOCATION AND INTERFERENCE ALONG THE WAY
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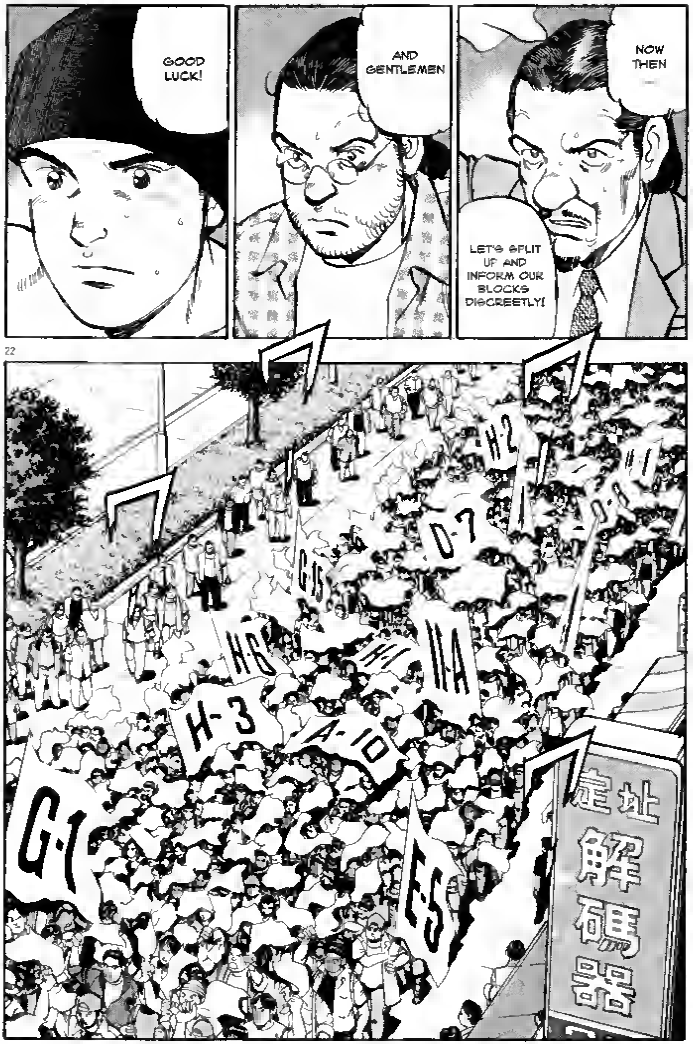
GOOD LUCK!
AND GENTLEMEN
NOW THEN
LET'S SPLIT UP AND INFORM OUR BLOCKS DISCREETLY!
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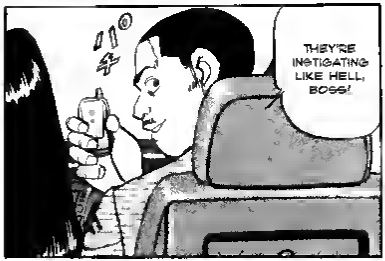
W-WHAT THE HELL IS *THIS*?!
YAGHK!

DON'T LET THESE PATSIES PULL THE WOOL OVER YOUR EYES, PEOPLE!
THAT'S WHAT *WE* WANNA KNOW!

THINKING OF IT THAT WAY, THEY'RE LIKE MOOCHERS LIVING ON YOUR COUCH, GETTING FREE MEALS EVERYDAY!
A MARCH FOR PEACE? DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S *OUR* TAX MONEY THAT'S PAYING FOR THEIR DAILY RICE?!

THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE INFILTRATING OUR JOB MARKET,
AND TAKING ALL OF OUR JOBS!
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE *THIEVES*, THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE!
KEEP THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN SAFE FROM THESE LOWLIFES!
HOW CAN YOU DO THAT TO A CHILD?!
KYA!
DON'T STOP! JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD !!
WHY YOU—!
DON'T MIND THEM!!

IF YOU RISE TO THEIR BAIT...
THAT IS *EXACTLY* WHAT THEY NEED TO PROVE THIS IS A RIOT!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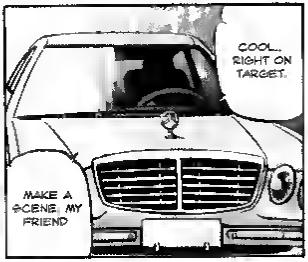
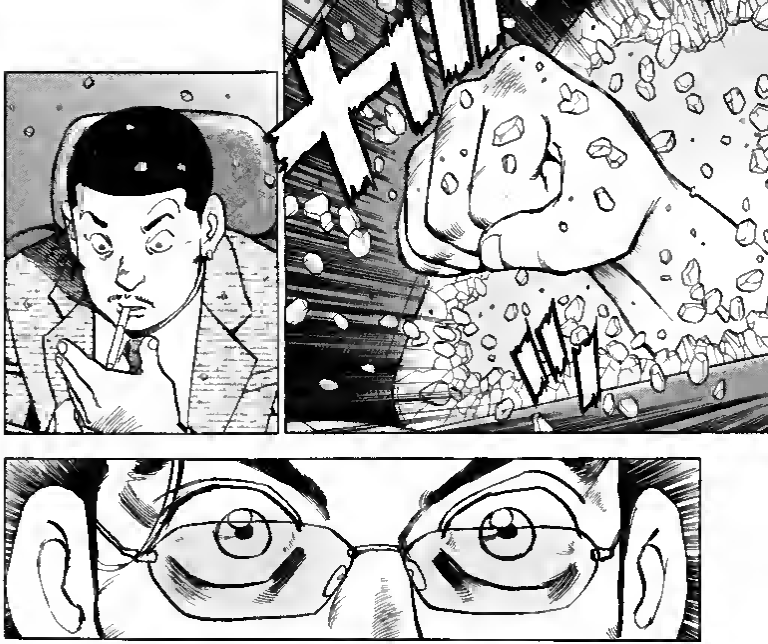

COOL... RIGHT ON TARGET.
MAKE A SCENE, MY FRIEND

HOW LONG CAN THEY STAND THE HARASSMENT ...?

HMPH... THESE JAPANESE IN THEIR SHEEPSKINS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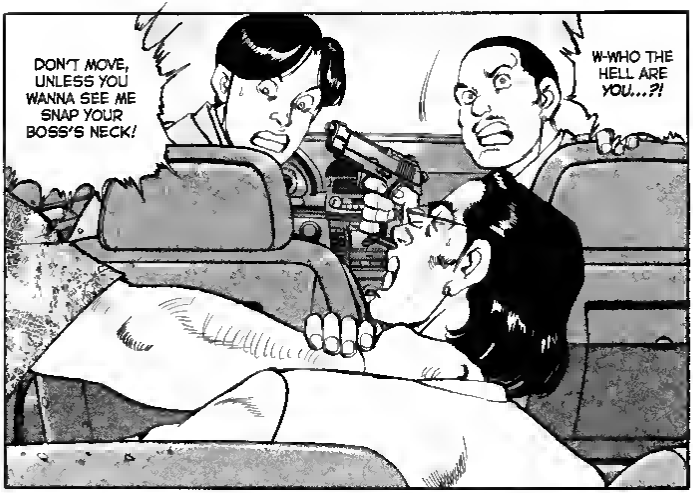
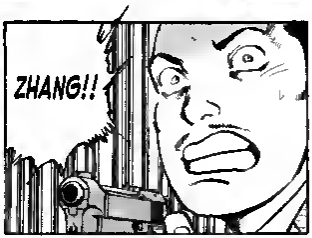
GAHGK ...!
HEY THERE, YANG... I SPENT ALL NIGHT LOOKIN' FOR YA!


DON'T MOVE, UNLESS YOU WANNA SEE ME SNAP YOUR BOSS'S NECK!
W-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...?!

IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, CALL 'EM OFF THIS INSTANT!!


ZHANG!!

THOSE PUNKS ARE ACTING OUT ON YOUR ORDERS, AREN'T THEY ...?!

SECURITY TO HQ!
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THE PACE OF THE MARCH HAS SLOWED, BUT THEY'RE STILL...
THERE SEEMS TO BE DISTURBANCES IN THE PROCESSION AT SECTION 6 OF ZHONGSHAN NORTH ROAD!
MOVING SOUTH!

HUH?!
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LOOK FOR THEM!!
DAMMIT, THOSE STUPID BANNERS ARE IN THE WAY!
THE LEADER OF THE CAMP AND THE GUY WITH THE BEANIE ARE GONE!
HAVE THEY CHANGED LOCATION?
WHERE'D THEY SNEAK OFF TO?!
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JUST IGNORE THEM!
THEY'RE TRYING TO PROVOKE YOU!
YOU DAMN WORTHLESS JAPS!
MARCH FOR PEACE, MY ASS!!
WHAT'S WRONG? BRING IT ON!
YOU STILL SCARED, WITH 80,000 PEOPLE ON YOUR SIDE?!
GO HOME, YOU SNEAKY THIEVES!
CALL YOUR MEN OFF, YANG!

LET GO OF HIM, OR I'LL BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF!
TAKE YOUR HAND OFF, ZHANG!
WANNA FIND OUT?!
YOUR BULLETS, OR MY HAND BREAKING YANG'S NECK
SOUNDS FUN! LET'S SEE WHICH IS STRONGER,
STO...
S...
GO ON, PULL THE TRIGGER, BOY!

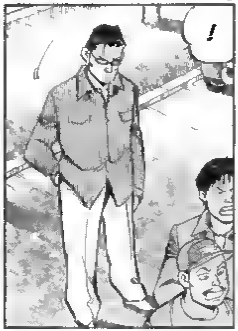
C... CALL THEM...
OFF

SHIT!

THERE, YOU HEARD THE MAN! GET ON THE PHONE!!

BUT WE JUST...
LOOK, NO QUESTIONS! PACK IT UP AND HEAD BACK!!

WHA... CALLED OFF?!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GOT A WHOLE LINEUP OF TRASH HERE.
HERE WE GO

ZHANG, YOU BASTARD!
ALL RIGHT YANG, LET'S TELL EVERYONE TO BACK OFF AND LEAVE

AIN'T YOU GONNA LISTEN TO AN ORDER FROM YOUR SUPERIOR?!
GRR!
STAND BACK... CALL IT OFF...
L... LISTEN TO HIM...

ALL RIGHT
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE FINALLY ALONE... PAL.

THIS MOMENT .. TOO. . ZHANG!
I WAS. WAITING FOR...

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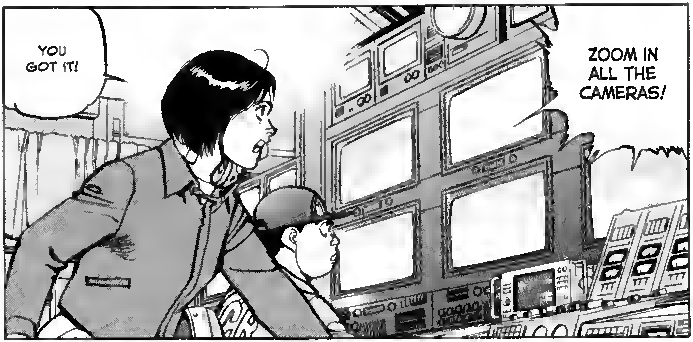
KEEP FILMING THE MARCH!
I'M GOING TO CHECK SOMETHING IN THE VAN!


YOU GOT IT!
ZOOM IN ALL THE CAMERAS!

GENICHIRO...
DISAPPEARED!

HE'S GONE ...!

SHILIN NIGHT MARKET

AND THEN BROADCAST HIS MESSAGE FROM TAIWAN CENTRAL BROADCASTING, WE BELIBVE
KUROFUJI'S PLAN TO IS TO ATTACK THE HEAVILY POPULATED SHILIN NIGHT MARKET AND MONORAIL SIMULTANEOUSLY,
SO ALL WE CAN DO IS INFILTRATE THE CROWD,
BUT THAT'S ALL WE KNOW
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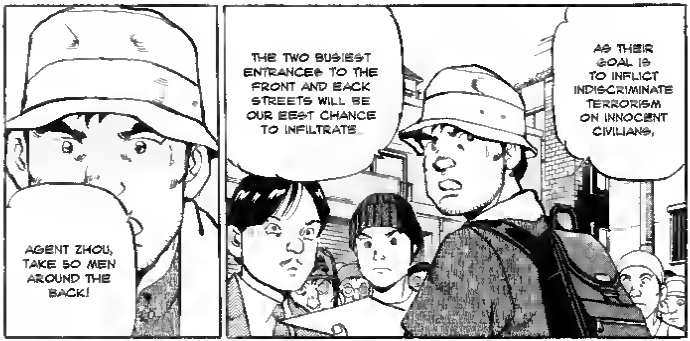
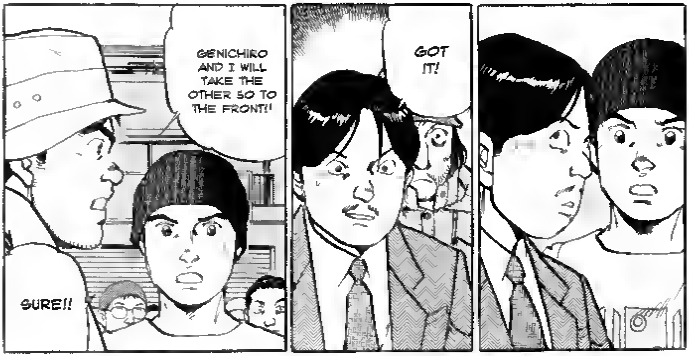
AND STOP THEM AS WE FIND THEM!
THE EXACT TIME OF THEIR PLAN IS UNCLEAR


AGENT ZHOU, TAKE 50 MEN AROUND THE BACK!
THE TWO BUSIEST ENTRANCES TO THE FRONT AND BACK STREETS WILL BE OUR BEST CHANCE TO INFILTRATE...
AS THEIR GOAL IS TO INFLICT INDISCRIMINATE TERRORISM ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS,


SURE!!
GENICHIRO AND I WILL TAKE THE OTHER 50 TO THE FRONT!!
GOT IT!

GOOD LUCK!
KEEP THE COMMUNICATION SURREPTITIOUS!
NO MATTER WHERE IT COMES FROM...

XIA TAI TAI...!
PRETTY GRANDIOSE FOR A SIMPLE INGREDIENT RESTOCKING, DON'T YOU THINK...?
XIAN...!
LET'S HEAR SOME REASONS
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FIRST I SEE YOU STANDING AT THE FRONT OF A MARCH OF JAPANESE
AND NOW I FIND YOU HERE INSTEAD

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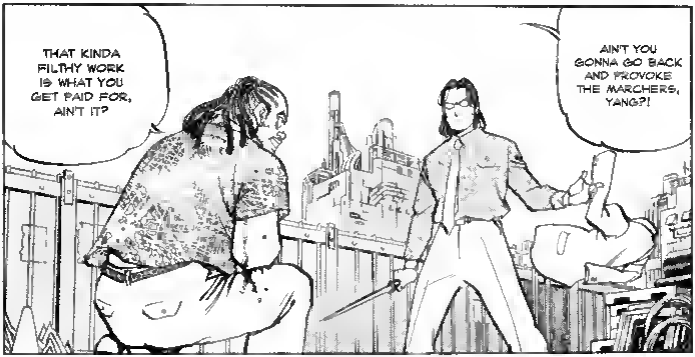
HNGG!
HUFF... HUFF...


THAT KINDA FILTHY WORK IS WHAT YOU GET PAID FOR, AIN'T IT?
AIN'T YOU GONNA GO BACK AND PROVOKE THE MARCHERS, YANG?!

DON'T WORRY, ZHANG...

JUST LIKE HOW YOU MADE JING MING KILL THE MOTHER AND CHILD WE SAVED AT THE MARKET!

I'VE BEEN GIVEN ONE OTHER DUTY BY PRESIDENT WANG, AND THAT'S...
GETTING RID OF BACKSTAB-BERS!
GAAAH!

BEG FOR YOUR LIFE NOW ZHANG THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

YOU KNOW YOU'RE DOING THESE SICKENING, FILTHY JOBS AND YOU STILL CAN'T TURN 'EM DOWN!
YOU MAKE A PATHETIC LAPDOG.
A SAD, PATHETIC GUARD DOG WHO CAN'T EVEN STAND UP TO HIS MASTER WHEN THE MAN DOES WRONG!!
18
AND I BECAME A MAN!
BUT ME
I MET GENICHIRO.

!!

I WENT FROM BEING A DOG WHO BLAMED ALL HIS OWN DIRTY WORK ON THE MASTERS AND BOSSES WHO GAVE IT TO HIM ...
TO A HUMAN BEING!

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YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD WITH YOUR FISTS, BUT NOT WITH YOUR HEAD. I'D HAVE FIGURED YOU'D COME UP WITH A STUPID IDEA LIKE THAT!

IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO SAY, ZHANG?!
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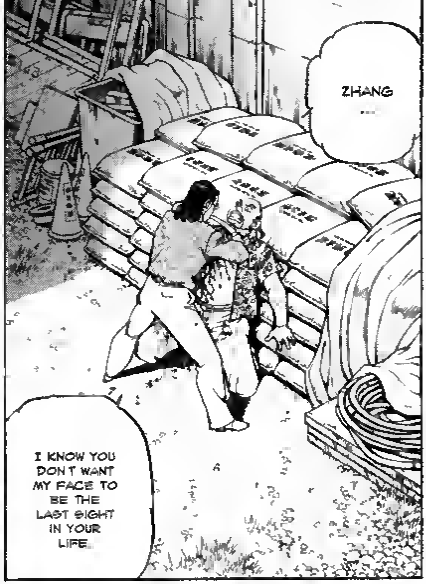
SO YOU CAN GO AND APOLOGIZE TO WANG,
ACT REAL SORRY AND HUMBLE


ZHANG
I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT MY FACE TO BE THE LAST SIGHT IN YOUR LIFE.

AND MAYBE JUST *MAYBE*, YOU'LL GET TO KEEP YOUR HEAD ON YOUR SHOULDERS!

WHAT'S IT GONNA BE_?!

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コト
WELL, THERE'S A SURPRISE.

HUH?
SO YOU WERE JAPANESE AFTER ALL.
THIRD WORLD

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JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ARROGANT PEOPLE WHO DON'T GIVE A CARE FOR OTHERS.
BEFORE, AND NOW

YOU CALL THE POLICE AND ARMY AND LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THIS RIGHT NOW!
WELL I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT! IT'S US TAIWANESE WHO ARE GONNA BE SHOT BY TERRORISTS!

THAT WILL MEAN A GUNFIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS NIGHT MARKET!

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF TAIWANESE COMING AND GOING FROM THE MARKET WE CAN'T EXPOSE ALL OF THEM TO DANGER!
WE HAVE OUR OWN ISSUES TO DEAL WITH.
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.

AND ALL OF YOU JAPANESE ALONG WITH 'EM!
THEY SHOULD JUST SHOOT EVERY ONE OF THOSE TERRORISTS DEAD!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PATH IT IS ...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE IS AN END TO IT
I WANT TO FOLLOW
THE PATH OF HUMANITY

THE *HUMAN* PATH...
NOT THE TAIWANESE PATH, NOT THE JAPANESE PATH,

THAT'S WHAT...
I WANT TO FOLLOW.
IF YOU FOLLOW THAT PATH,
...A PRETENTIOUS ANSWER, TO BE SURE
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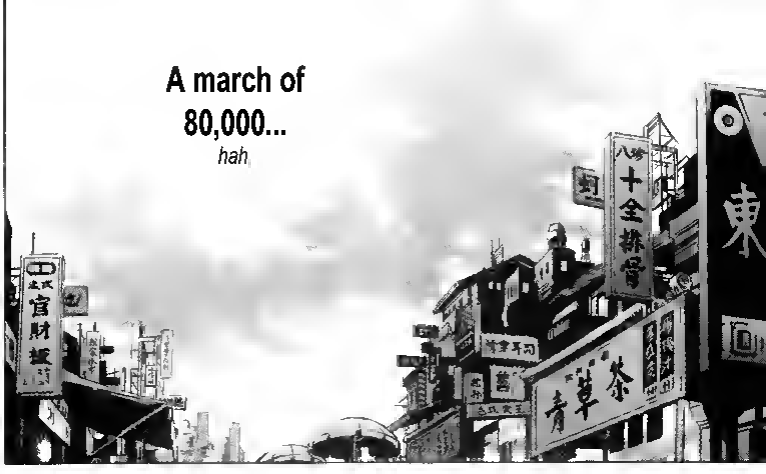
CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT NOT A SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD
IS GOING TO BE SHED BY ANYONE?!
THAT IS EXACTLY WHY I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU!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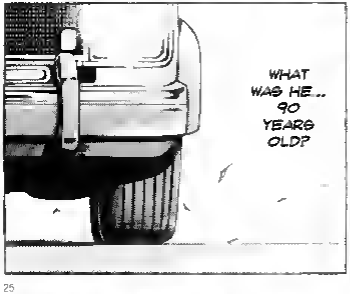
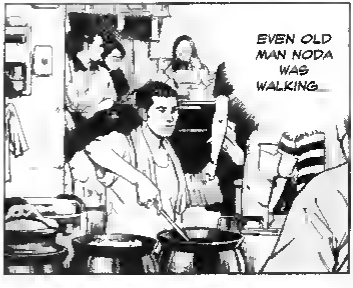

WHAT WAS HE... 90 YEARS OLD?


EVEN OLD MAN NODA WAS WALKING...

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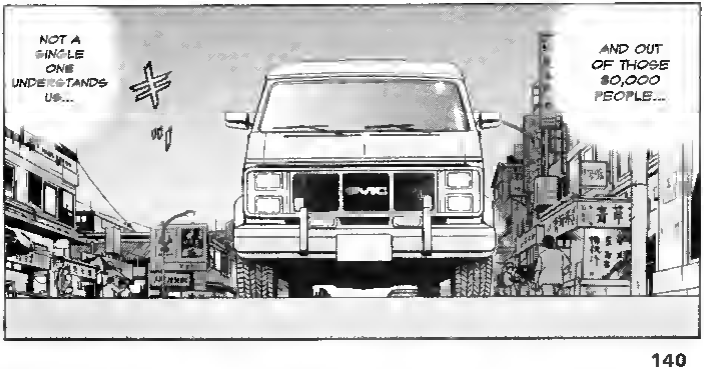
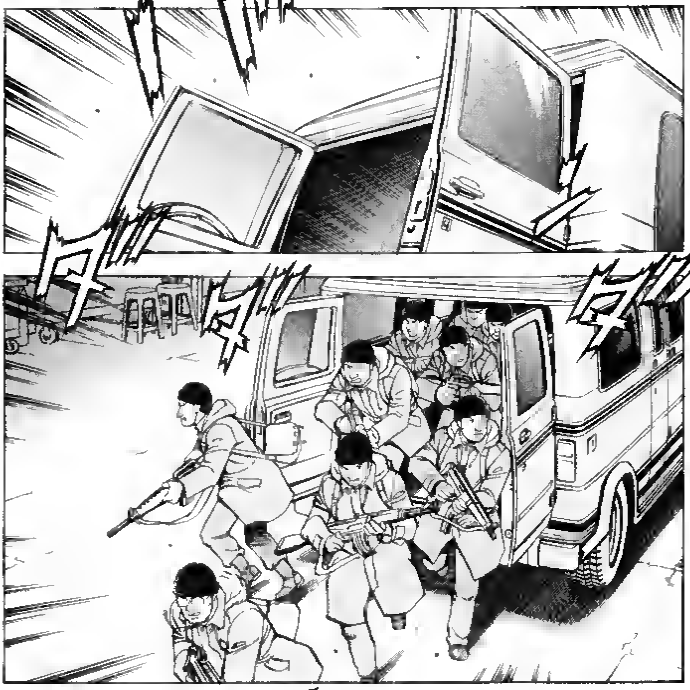

NOT A SINGLE ONE UNDERSTANDS US...
AND OUT OF THOSE 80,000 PEOPLE...

ABOUT TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN AS SCHEDULED!
YEP. WE'RE AT THE ENTRANCE TO SHILIN
NOT A SINGLE ONE!

...YEAH!

ALL GROUPS, DEPLOY AS PLANNED!
WE'RE GONNA TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A REUNITED JAPAN!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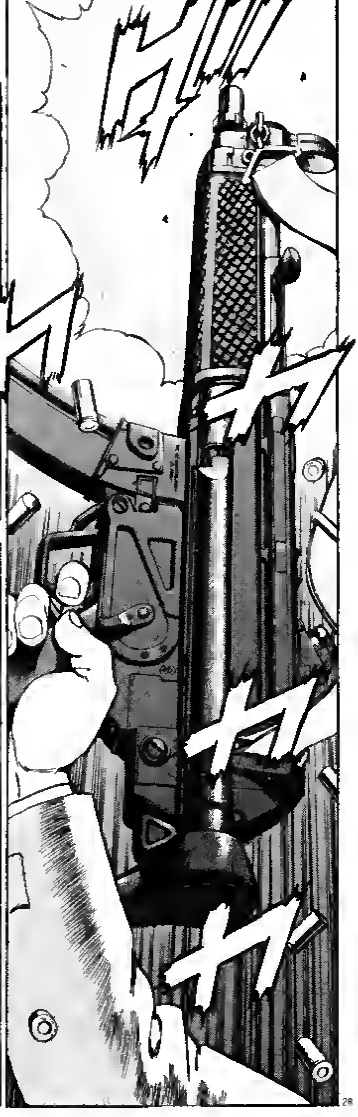
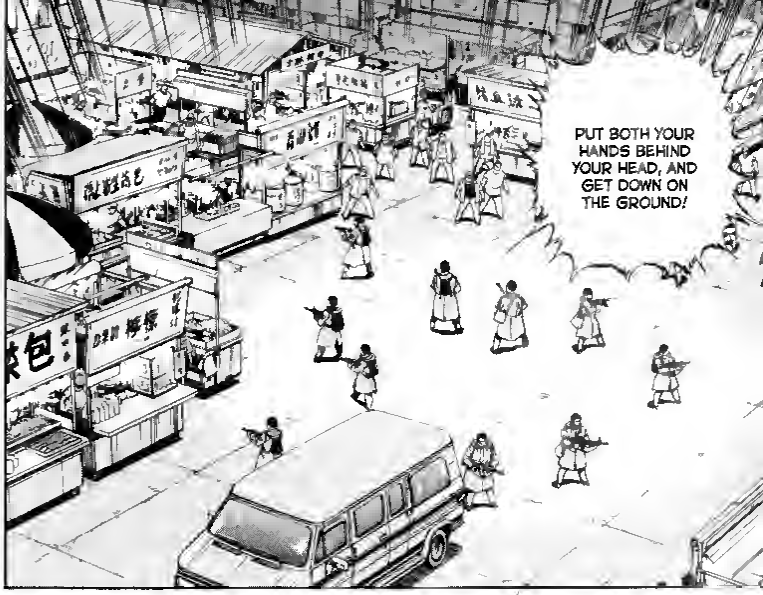
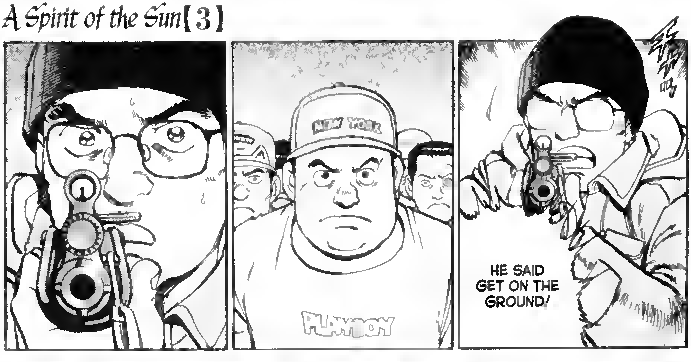
NOBODY MOVE!




PUT BOTH YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD, AND GET DOWN ON THE GROUND!

YOU ARE GOING TO BE HOSTAGES WHILE WE BARGAIN WITH THE TAIWANESE AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS!


NEW YORK
PLAYBOY
HE SAID GET ON THE GROUND!

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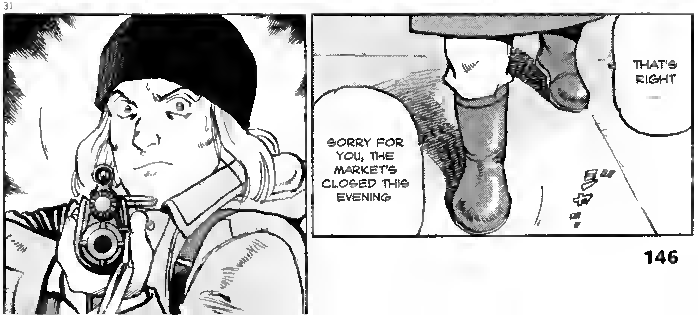
S... SAKUMA?!

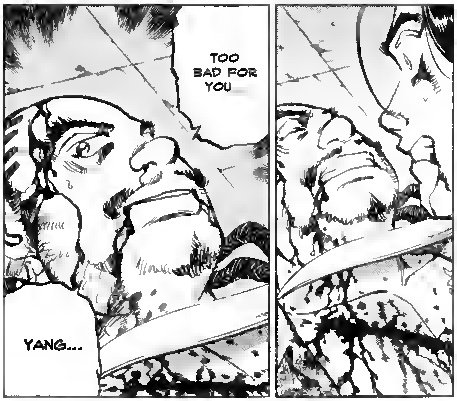
WHAT?!
THEY'RE ALL JAPANESE!


SORRY FOR YOU, THE MARKET'S CLOSED THIS EVENING
THAT'S RIGHT

AND US MARKET WORKERS!
ALL YOU'LL FIND IS JAPANESE JUST LIKE YOU.
YOU CAN DROP YOUR WEAPONS!
NOW THAT THE GAME IS UP...

STOP IT!
DON'T HURT ANYONE!

D-DAMN YOU ALL!


TOO BAD FOR YOU
YANG...

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE! WHAT'S IT GONNA BE, ZHANG?!

I AIN'T NO DOG ...

I'M A MAN!

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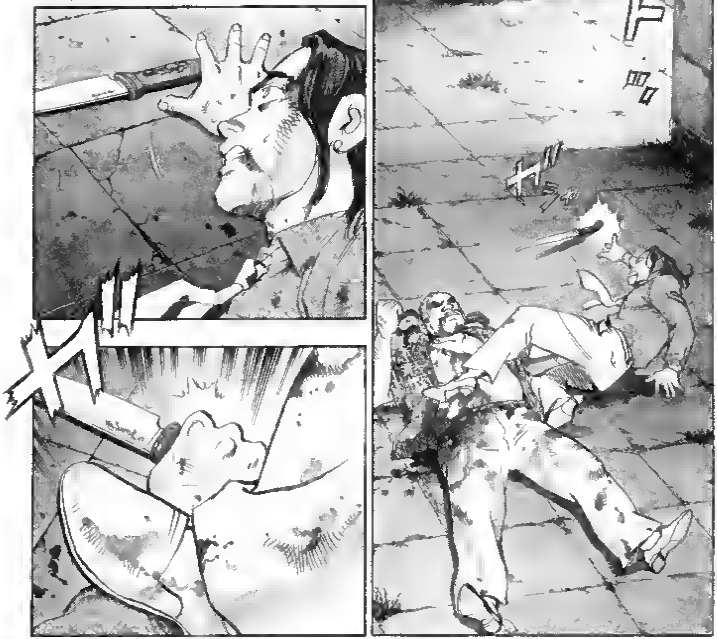
HMPH! ONCE YOU'RE DEAD, THEY'RE ALL THE SAME!
BOTH DOGS AND HUMANS!
EVEN AFTER HE'S DEAD
A DOG,
IS STILL A DOG
DIEEEEEE!!



HUFF,
HUFF,
WHEWWWW
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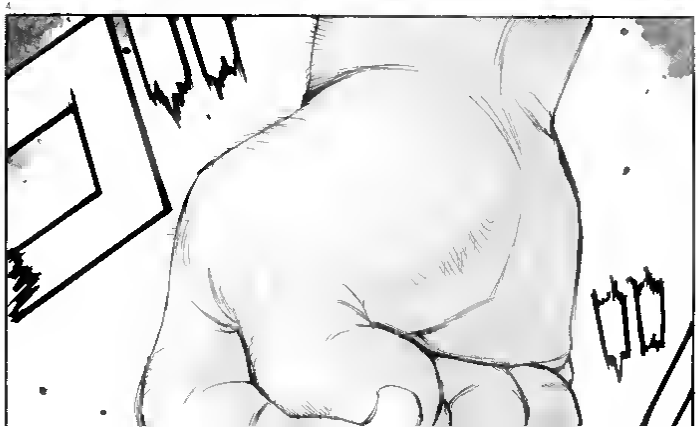
NRAHHH!



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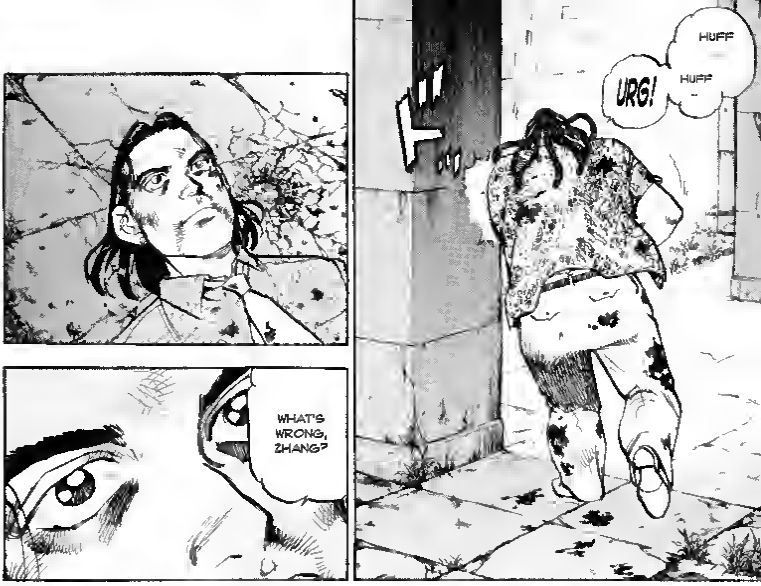
WHAT'S WRONG, ZHANG?
URG!
HUFF
HUFF

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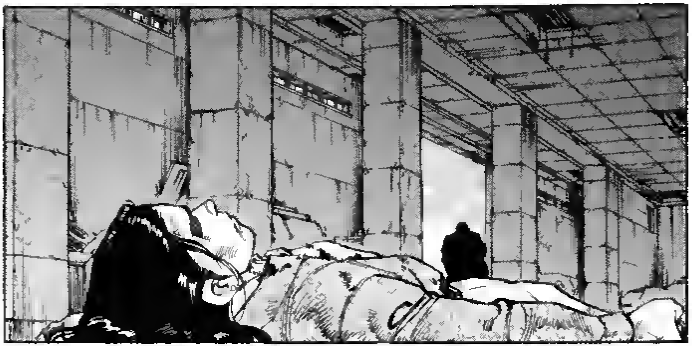
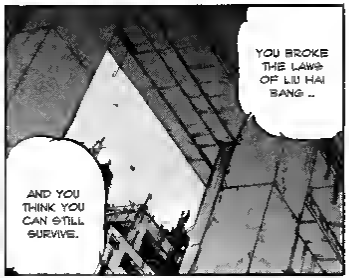
I JUST TOLD YOU
I DON'T USE MY STRENGTH
IF YOU LEAVE ME ALIVE... YOU'LL REGRET IT

FOR CHEAP BULLSHIT LIKE THIS ANYMORE!



I KNEW IT, ZHANG...
YOU JUST DON'T USE YOUR HEAD


YOU BROKE THE LAWS OF LIU HAI BANG ..
AND YOU THINK YOU CAN STILL SURVIVE.

D...
DAMMIT!
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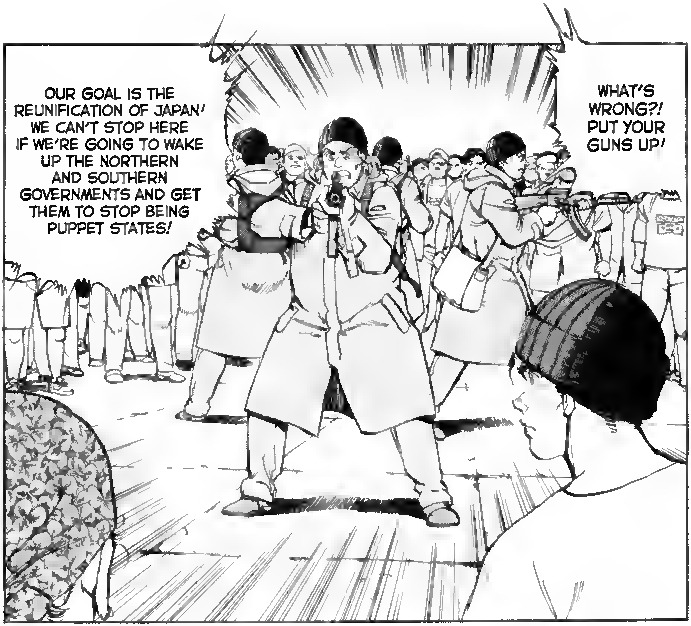
OUR GOAL IS THE REUNIFICATION OF JAPAN! WE CAN'T STOP HERE IF WE'RE GOING TO WAKE UP THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN GOVERNMENTS AND GET THEM TO STOP BEING PUPPET STATES!
WHAT'S WRONG?! PUT YOUR GUNS UP!
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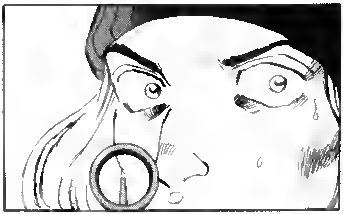

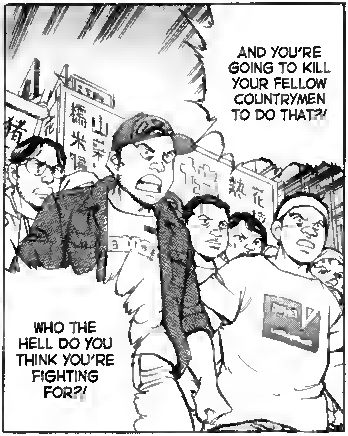
AND YOU'RE GOING TO KILL YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN TO DO THAT?!
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR?!

GET BACK, MIYAMOTO!
SAKUMA
HOW MANY JAPANESE DID YOU SAVE...?
15 YEARS AGO, DURING THE EARTHQUAKE... YOU WERE SAVING JAPANESE LIVES, WEREN'T YOU...?
I KNOW WHAT YOU DID
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LET ME GO! THE LADY FROM ROOM 8 NEXT DOOR HASN'T COME OUT!!
11
COME BACK! THE FIRE'S ALREADY REACHED THAT ROOM!!
YOU WON'T FIND HER!!
I'M GOING TO CHECK ON HER!
THE BUILDING'S GONNA COLLAPSE! GET BACK HERE!!
NO, YOU IDIOT, DON'T GO!!

!
MA'AM
!!

WAAAH !!
!!
WAAAH !!
SHE GAVE HER LIFE...
WAAAH !!
WAAAH !!

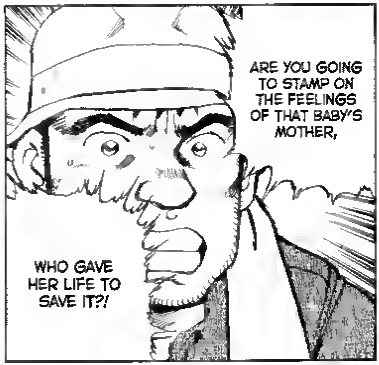
I WON'T LET IT GO TO WASTE!
TO SAVE THE BABY'S

HEY, HE'S BACK!
AND HE'S GOT A BABY!

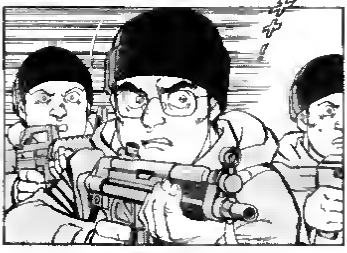
SAKUMA!
FOR WHATEVER THE REASON, THOSE HANDS THAT SAVED A JAPANESE LIFE BEFORE ARE GOING TO TAKE IT AWAY NOW!!

HE OR SHE IS ALIVE SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE WORLD NOW!

THE BABY YOU SAVED, CARRIED IN YOUR ARMS,
IS PROBABLY IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW...


ARE YOU GOING TO STAMP ON THE FEELINGS OF THAT BABY'S MOTHER,
WHO GAVE HER LIFE TO SAVE IT?!

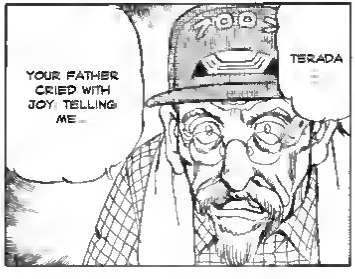
YOU ALL SAVED LIVES DURING THOSE DISASTERS!



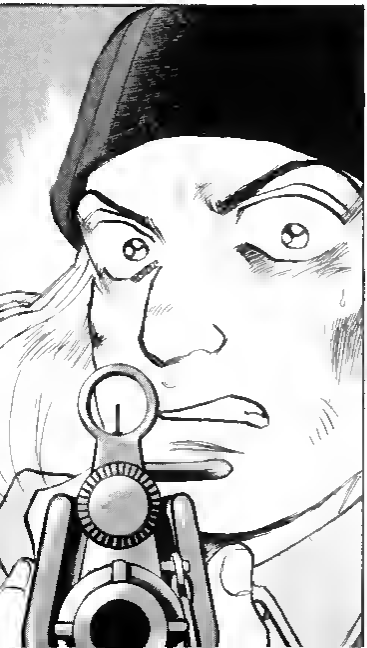
KANEKO!
TERADA!
YOSHI-MOTO!

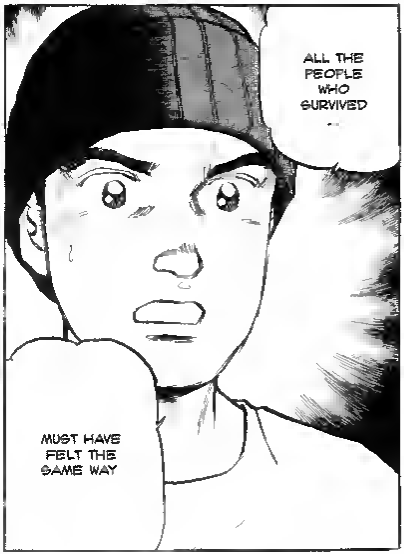
BROKEN ARMS OR MISSING LEGS BE DAMNED, WE WANTED PEOPLE TO *SURVIVE!*
WE ALL LEARNED THE VALUE OF LIFE WHEN WE SURVIVED THOSE TIMES!

MY SON PUT THIS FAMILY ON HIS BACK!


YOUR FATHER CRIED WITH JOY, TELLING ME...
TERADA

SHUT UP! YOU KEEP YOUR TRAPS SHUT!!




ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SURVIVED
MUST HAVE FELT THE SAME WAY

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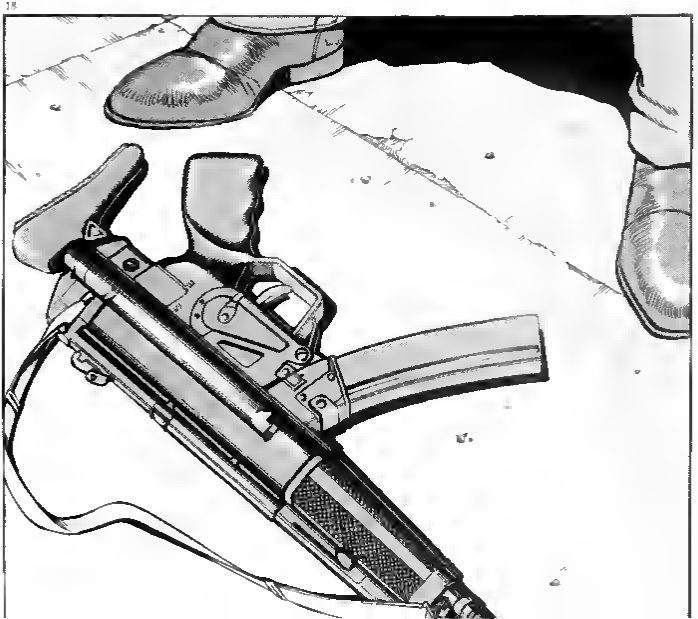
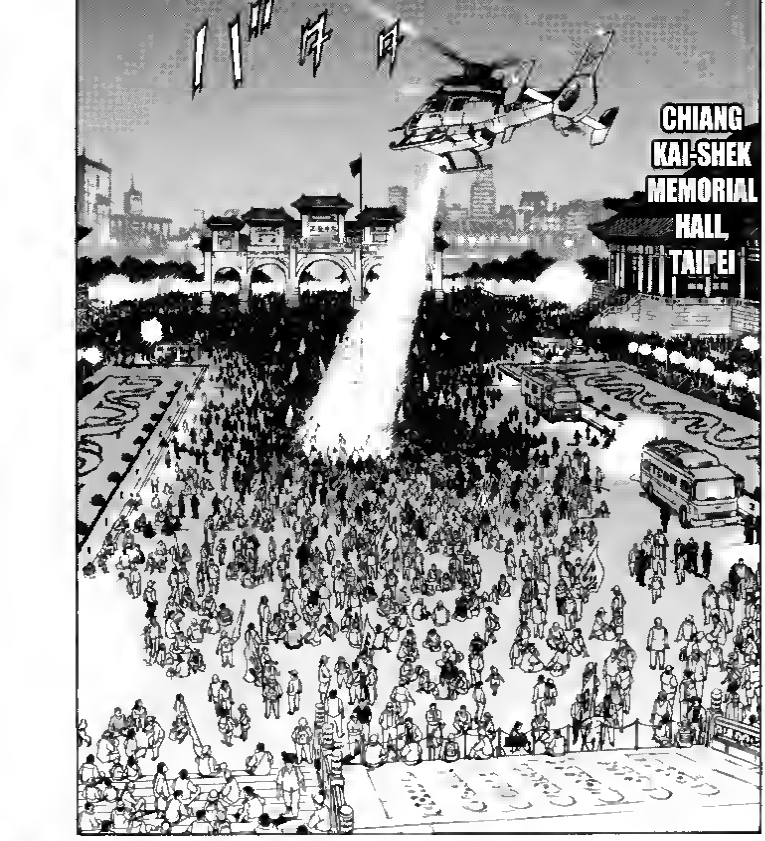
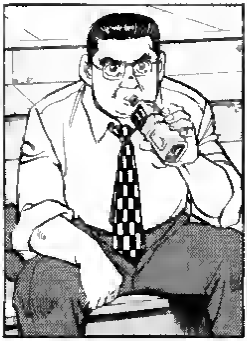



CHIANG KAI-SHEK MEMORIAL HALL, TAIPEI

CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THEY WENT?



YOU THERE... YOU WERE STANDING UP FRONT WITH MR. OZU AND GENICHIRO, WEREN'T YOU?

DON'T TRY TO EVADE MY QUESTION! I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM ANYWHERE!
YES... THEY TURNED BACK TO THE MIDDLE OF THE MARCH TO HELP WITH GUIDING IT FORWARD. I'M SURE THEY'RE PROBABLY RESTING SOMEWHERE RIGHT ABOUT NOW...

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AFTER YOU LEFT, A SQUAD OF CIVIL DEFENSE TROOPS BURST INTO IT!

AND THAT COMMERCIAL BUILDING YOU STOPPED AT, ABOUT TWO HOURS PREVIOUSLY
WHAT WAS THE MEANING OF THAT? WHO WAS INSIDE IT?

WHAT IS THE REAL REASON FOR THIS MARCH?!
I CAN'T SAY I KNOW WHAT THAT'S ABOUT...
LIAR!
A MARCH FOR PEACE WOULDN'T FEEL SO BLOOD-THIRSTY!
REAL ...?
IT'S A MARCH FOR PEACE
...AND THEY'RE ALL TENSING UP WAITING FOR IT TO HAPPEN!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?!
NOBODY WILL SAY ANYTHING
THE MARCH IS FINISHED,
BUT THEY'RE ALL STILL BRIMMING WITH SOME UNSAID FEVER
SOMETHING IS STILL GOING TO HAPPEN LATER!

I HAVE A FONDNESS FOR JOURNALISTS WHO ARE SHARP IN THE FIELD
TOO BAD IT WON'T GET YOU PROMOTION

HELLO CHEN SPEAKING!
!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
O-OKAY!
士林夜市

HAS DROPPED THEIR WEAPONS AND SURRENDERED!
I'VE JUST HAD A CALL FROM MURAKOSHI, WHO WAS HEADED FOR THE TAIPEI MONORAIL STATION!
THE ENTIRE ARMED GROUP STATIONED THERE...
WE DID IT...
YEAH, WE DID

YAHOO!
WAY TO GO, EVERYBODY!!

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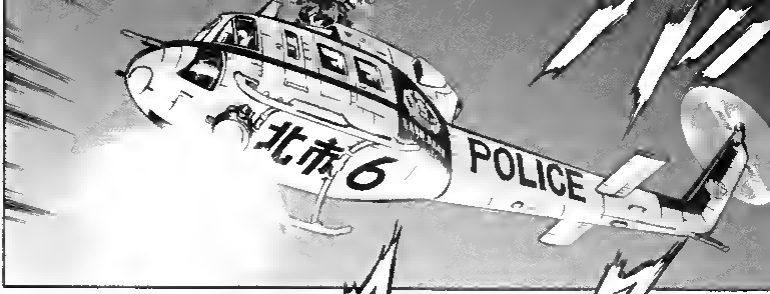
NOT A DROP OF BLOOD WAS SPILLED, THANKS TO YOUR HELP!
THANK YOU, XIA TAI TAI!

...
IT WAS A HELL OF A GAMBLE

TODAY'S WALK WAS WARMER HOTTER
I REMEMBER, 15 YEARS AGO... JUST WALKING, THIS SAME EXACT WAY...
BUT COMPARED TO THE EARTH BREAKING APART INTO CHASMS OF DESPAIR
XIAN...
I MEAN, GENICHIRO...
HUH?
THE HEAT OF A NEW NATION

YOU'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD CREATING A NEW JAPAN



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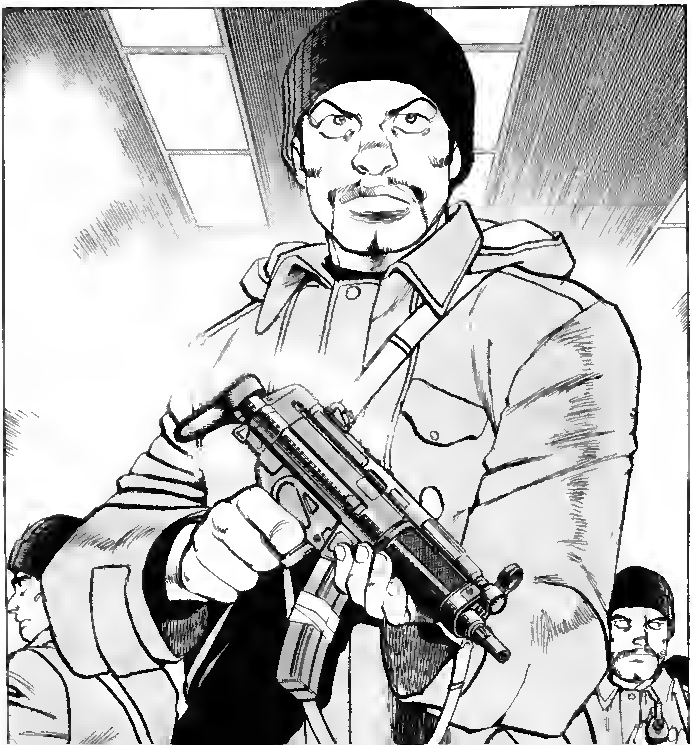

FIRE-FIGHT?!
THEY STARTED A FIREFIGHT WITH SECURITY!
WE'VE GOT TROUBLE, XIAN!
I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE POLICE!
KUROFUJI'S GROUP HAS OPENED FIRE INSIDE THE TAIWAN CENTRAL BROADCASTING BUILDING!

THERE ARE THREE DEAD ALREADY!